Trumans' Pioneer STUD FARM

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Suffolk and Hackney Horses

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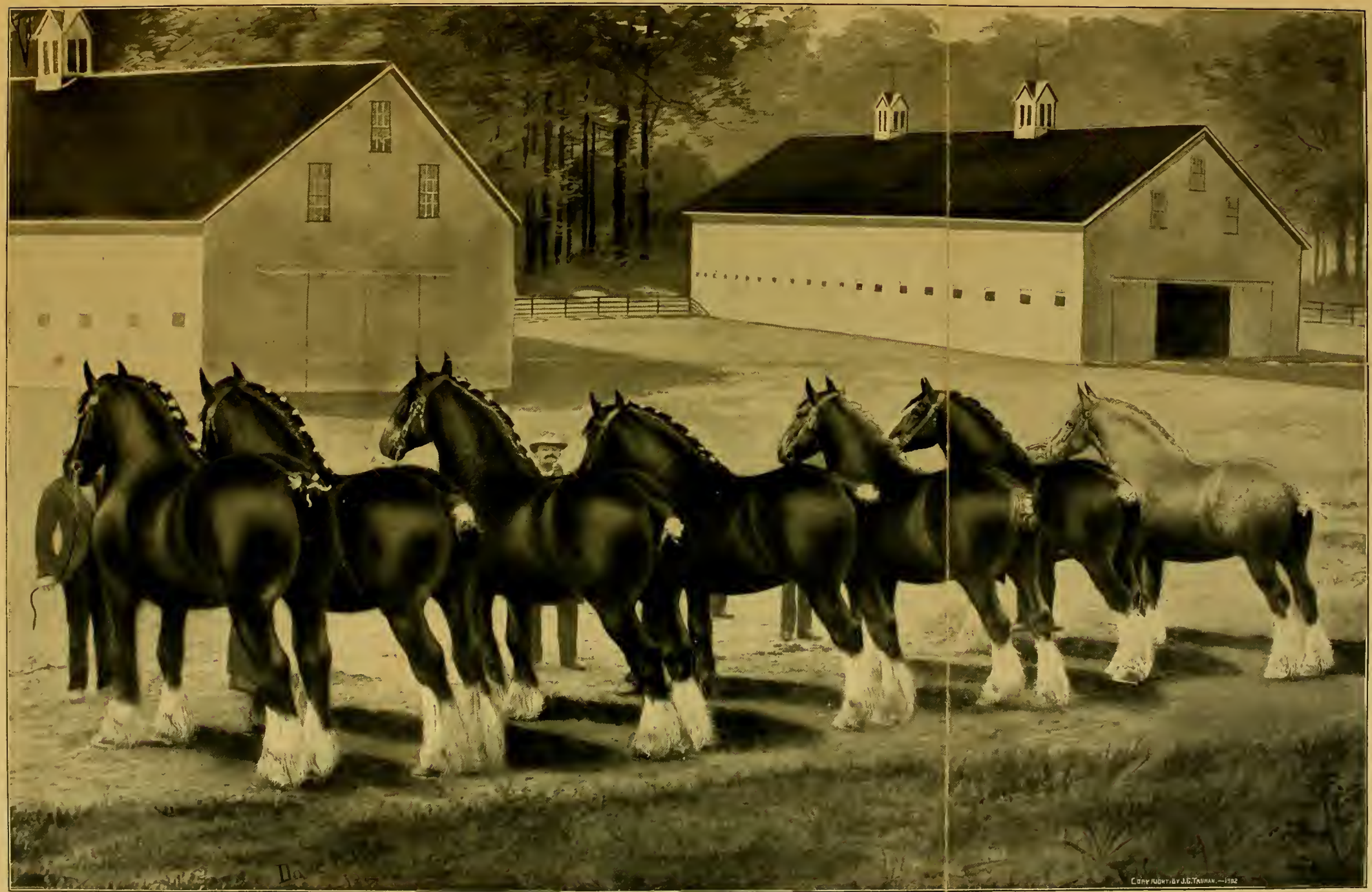
TRUMANS' INTERNATIONAL PRIZE WINNERS OF 1902



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ANNOUNCEMENT

IN PRESENTING this our twenty-fifth annual catalogue of Shire, Percheron, Belgian, Suffolk and Hackney Stallions to prospective buyers, we desire, first, to thank all our old customers for their patronage during that period. It is with pleasure that we look back over the past twenty-five years and count living testimonials of our mode of doing business. During all these years we have guaranteed our Stallions to be average breeders, and never up to this time have our customers had reason to complain.

The Pioneer Stud Farm was established by Mr. J. H. Truman in 1878 at the U. S. Yards, Chicago, and later on was located at Bushnell, Illinois. Residing as he does at Whittlesea, Cambridgeshire, England, in the very heart of the Shire breeding district, (and being a heavy dealer there,) gives us advantages no other Shire, Suffolk and Hackney Importers enjoy. *It means this:*

1st. He has first choice of all the principal breeders before the horses get into dealers' hands.

2nd. The middleman's profit is saved.

3rd. We can therefore sell a better horse for the money than any other importer.

4th. We get no worn out horses that are not breeders, hence we are safe on our warranty.

5th. One of our family, Mr. H. H. Truman, M. R. C. V. S., is a veterinary surgeon and personally inspects our horses before they are shipped from England.

6th. With all these advantages at our command we claim to sell you a better horse for the money, or a horse of same quality for less money than any Importer in the United States.

7th. We have Imported more London and Royal prize winning Stallions the past four years than have been Imported during the past ten years by all Importers.

8th. We have made more Importations of Shires this season than any other firm, thereby insuring *no culls and picked over stock* on hand.

Our Shires are all very massive, with good feet, heavy bone and muscle, nice clean cut heads and necks, oblique shoulders, short backs and loins strong, with deep well sprung ribs, good wide hips and stifles, tails well set up with all the style and action possible to get. In color they are bays, browns, blacks and a few dappled grays and chestnuts.

Our Percherons are all blacks with few exceptions, and they are dark grays. They were selected from the leading breeders in the Perche district of France without regard to price, our aim being to get good, young, sound horses that were not worn out, and with all the bone and weight possible.

Belgians.—We imported what was considered by competent horsemen the most select lot of Belgian Stallions that left that country this season. They are bays, blacks and chestnuts, with all the quality and weight possible to get. They run in ages from 3 to 5 years, weighing from 1900 to 2100 pounds each.

Suffolks.—We have this season imported a few of the *very choicest* Suffolk Stallions possible to obtain, everyone a prize winner at the leading shows (including the Royal) of England.

Hackneys.—Our Hackneys are the best possible to buy in England, having conformation, quality, size, color, and above all, high, all-round action.

Companies.—If you have no first-class Stallion in your vicinity, and will write us stating what breed you prefer, or that you think would suit your neighbors, we will send one of our experienced salesmen to your place to organize a stock company to purchase one.

Our Success in the Show Yard.—At the great *International Exposition* held at the U. S. Yards, Chicago, in December 1901, we succeeded in winning the *Gold Medal* for the three best Shire Stallions, also *Champion* Gold Medal for the best Shire Stallion in the show; first and second for aged Shire Stallions, besides several second and third premiums. We also took the following premiums at the International Show 1902: Second, third, fourth and fifth in aged Shire Stallion class; a Shire Stallion imported by us took first in three-year-olds; we also won first in two-year-old Shire Stallions; second yearling Shire Stallions; first for four colts by one sire; first for two colts, produce of same dam; first for aged Shire mare; first for best imported Shire mare any age; *Champion* for best Shire mare; first for yearling Shire mare; *Gold Medal* for best Shire mare, and *English Shire Societies' Gold Medal* for best Shire mare; second and fourth in aged Suffolk Stallion class. Our exhibit there was acknowledged to be by far the best selection of *Shire Horses* ever shown by one firm in America and contained more *first-class Shire Stallions* than all the exhibition of Shire horses the year previous.

At the Iowa State Fair 1902, We took first and second in aged Shire class, and a colt imported by us won first in three-year-olds, and second in two-year-old class, also second in aged Percheron Stallions. At **Iowa State Fair** 1903 we again won first and third in aged Shire Stallion class, and a horse of our importing won second; first and third in three-year-olds; third yearling Stallions: first and second in aged Shire mares; first two-year-old Shire mares; first yearling Shire mares; first best pair out of same dam; first aged Hackney Stallion; second three-year-old Stallion, and first two-year-old Hackney Stallion. In aged Belgian Stallions we stood fourth and in three-year-old Belgians we stood third in the two largest classes of the breed ever shown in America.

Location.—We built recently commodious sale barns located in the city by the side of the T., P. & W., and C., B. & Q. railroads, and three blocks from both depots. We are very centrally located, and easy distance from either Iowa, Missouri, Wisconsin, Indiana or any part of Illinois. On the T., P. & W. we are 45 miles east of Keokuk and Burlington, Iowa, and 60 miles west of Peoria. On the St. Louis & Rock Island branch of the C., B. & Q., 150 miles north of St. Louis and 80 miles south of Rock Island. On the Quincy branch of the C., B. & Q., 70 miles northeast of Quincy, 24 miles southwest of Galesburg and 190 miles from Chicago.

Terms.—To good responsible parties we are in a position to extend credit on their notes any reasonable length of time. A good, responsible warranty given with each Stallion. Respectfully,

TRUMANS' PIONEER STUD FARM,
J. G. TRUMAN, Manager.

THE PIONEER STUD FARM
SHIRE PERCHERON & HACKNEY STALLIONS.
J.G. TRUMAN
STABLE No.1, HOME OF THE INTERNATIONAL GOLD MEDAL WINNERS.

SHIRES.

King Holt (15673).

Bay, foaled 1983.

PRIZES—Third at London Show, 1899; first at Peterboro's Show, 1901. Only times shown. He has sired more English Prize Winners than any Shire horse of his age.

Sire, **BAR NONE** (2388).
London Champion.

Dam, **LADY CECIL** (10263).
Sold for 600 Guineas and winner of numerous prizes in England.

Kingsland 6889 (Vol. 25).

Bay, foaled 1900.

PRIZES—Third, Iowa State Fair 1903.

Sire, **TATTON RAJAH** (16416).

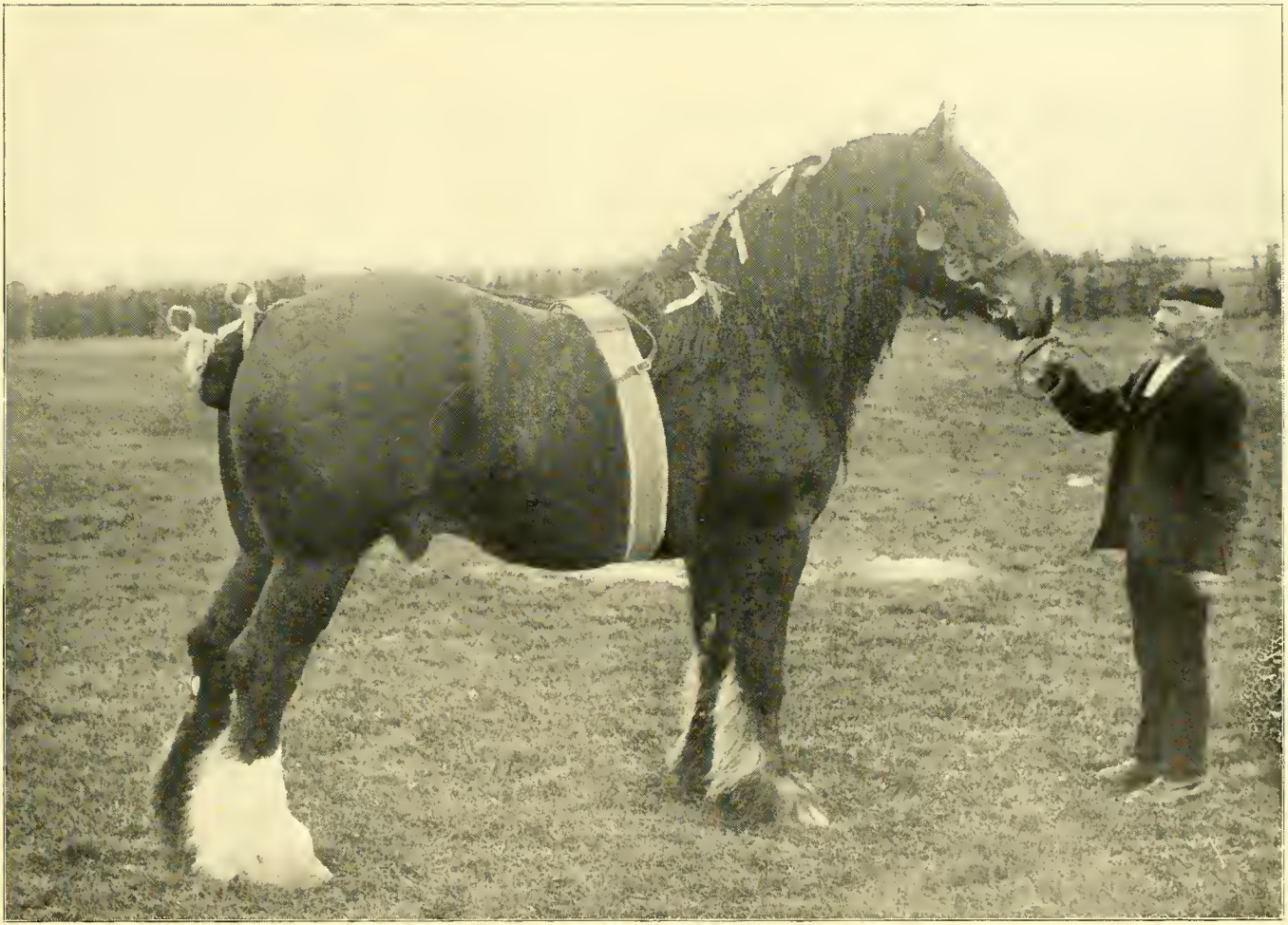
Dam, **BLOSSOM** (Vol. 25).

Gores Boast (19655).

Black, foaled 1900.

Sire, **STROXTON TOM** (15871).
Champion London Show, 1902.

Dam, **GRANFORD ROSE** (20034).



KING HOLT.

SHIRES.

Bury Banker (17829).

Dappled Grey, foaled 1898.
First premium, Iowa State Fair 1903.

Sire, **BURY BLOOD royal** (15522).
Dam, **BURY SILVER** (9601).

Bury Triumph (18596).

Brown, foaled 1899.

Sire, **BURY BLOOD ROYAL** (15522).
Dam, **BURY FUCHSIA** (17923).

Bury Ruler (17222).

Brown, foaled 1896.
Second premium, Indiana State Fair, 1901.

Sire, **HONEST TOM** (5123).
Weight, 2,586 pounds.
Dam, **BURY WHEATEAR** (9607).

SHIRE STALLION BURY BANKER (17829) 1ST PRIZE IOWA STATE FAIR 1903.
IMPORTED AND OWNED BY TRUMANS' PIONEER STUD FARM BUSHNELL ILL.

SHIRES.

Blaisdon Herod (17777).

Bay, foaled 1898.

Sire, **BLAISDON CONQUEROR** (15989).
1897, commended London Show and 2nd, Royal; 1898, 2nd, London Show; 1899; 1st in class 6, Silver Cup in classes 4, 5, 6, 7, and Gold Medal, London Show; 1900, 2nd, London Show; 1901, 1st and Medal at Gloucester; 1902, 1st in class 6, Reserve £25 Silver Cup classes 4, 5, 6, 7; 1903, 2nd prize London.

Dam, **HAWTHORNE** (16758).

Blaisdon Vulcan (18529).

Bay, foaled 1899.

Sire, **BLAISDON CONQUEROR** (15989).
1897, commended London Show and 2nd, Royal. 1898, 2nd, London Show; 1899, 1st in class 6, Silver Cup in classes 4, 5, 6, 7, and Gold Medal, London Show, 1900, 2nd, London Show, 1901, 1st and Medal at Gloucester; 1902. 1st in class 6, Reserve £25 Silver Cup classes 4, 5, 6, 7; 1903, 2nd prize, London.

Dam, **VULCANI** (15893).

Blaisdon Admiral (20263).

Chestnut, foaled 1901.
Full brother to Blaisdon Albert.

Sire, **BLAISDON CONQUEROR** (15989).
1897, commended London Show and 2nd, Royal; 1898, 2nd, London Show; 1899, 1st in class 6, Silver Cup in classes 4, 5, 6, 7, and Gold Medal London Show; 1900, 2nd, London Show; 1901, 1st and Medal at Gloucester; 1902, 1st in class 6, Reserve £25 Silver Cup classes 4, 5, 6, 7; 1903, 2nd prize, London.

Dam, **BLAISDON METTLE** (21319).

SHIRE STALLION "BLAISDON PLUTO" (13996)
IMPORTED AND OWNED BY THE PIONEER STUD FARM
BUSHNELL, ILLINOIS.

CHAMPION, INTERNATIONAL 1901.

SHIRES.

Ivory (19720).

Bay, foaled 1899.

Sire, **NYN KING CHARLES (15271).**

Dam, **DAISY (23409).**

Horbling Field Marshal (18814).

Brown; foaled 1899.

Sire, **HORBLING CONQUEROR (14664).**

Dam, **HORBLING BLACKBIRD (12563).**

Exton Bar None (18724).

Bay, foaled 1899.

PRIZES—Second, Royal and Central Bucks.

Sire, **MARCO (16802).**

Dam, **HITCHIN LIVELY III (6591).**

Shire Stallion "Nailstone Don 5731 (16845) 4yrs. old, First and Champion London Shire Horse Show. Wt. 2200
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SHIRES.

Electric of Worsley (18717).

Brown, foaled 1898.

Sire, CARBON (3523).

Dam, PRIESTESS OF STETCHWORTH I (24523).

Willingham Marmion (21032).

Black, foaled 1901.

Sire, MARMION II (9885).

Dam, LADY BRADLEY (Vol. XXIV, page 160).

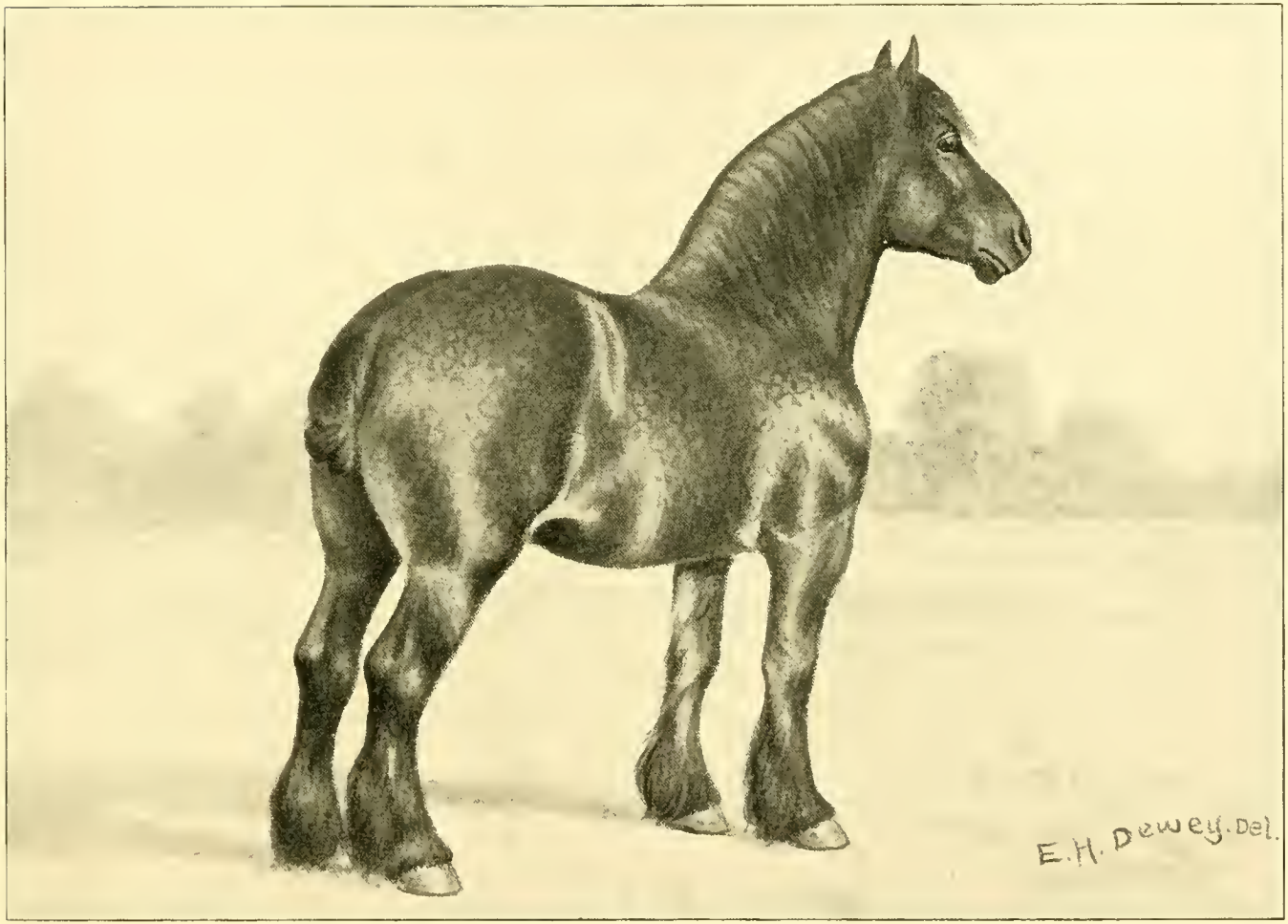
Desford Magician (20423).

Bay, foaled 1901.

PRIZES—1st, Cottenham; 1st, Shropshire and West Midland; H. C., Lincolnshire, 3rd, Tring; 2nd, Warwickshire; 2nd, Loughborough.

Sire, MORMEAR OF BATSFORD (15242).

Dam, HORNINGLOW MAGPIE (26183).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SHIRES.

Blaisdon Victor (20267).

Bay, foaled 1901.

Sire, **BLAISDON HAROLD** (17776).

Dam, **BLAISDON WELCOME** (27593).
By Blaisdon Conqueror (15989.)

Blaisdon Prince (18528).

Chestnut, foaled 1899.

PRIZES—1st and Reserve for Shire Horse, Society's Medal, Gloucester.

Sire, **PRINCE HAROLD** (14228).

Dam, **CATTHORPE POLKA** (9653).

Blaisdon Albert (19350).

Chestnut, foaled 1900.

PRIZES—First, International; also one of the four by same sire that won First Premium in 1902; first, Iowa State Fair, 1903.

Sire, **BLAISDON CONQUEROR** (15989).
1897, commended London Show and 2nd, Royal; 1898, 2nd, London Show; 1899, 1st in class 6, Silver Cup in classes 4, 5, 6, 7, and Gold Medal, London Show; 1900, 2nd London Show; 1901, 1st and Medal at Gloucester; 1902, 1st in class 6, Reserve £25 Silver Cup, classes 4, 5, 6, 7; 1903, 2nd prize, London.

Dam, **BLAISDON METTLE** (21319).

BLAISDON CONQUEROR (15989).

WINNER SEVERAL YEARS IN SUCCESSION AT LONDON SHIRE HORSE SHOW.

SHIRES.

Sandscale Mafeking (19100).

Chestnut, foaled 1899.

Sire, **WARTON TWILIGHT** (13235).

Dam, **THURSTON MARY** (13660).

Haresfield Warrior 7010 (Vol. 25).

Bay, foaled 1900.

Sire, **BLAISDON CONQUEROR** (15989).

1897, commended London Show and 2nd, Royal; 1898, 2nd, London Show; 1899, 1st in class 6, Silver Cup in classes 4, 5, 6, 7, and Gold Medal, London Show; 1900, 2nd, London Show; 1901, 1st and Medal at Gloucester; 1902, 1st in class 6, Reserve £25 Silver Cup classes 4, 5, 6, 7; 1903, 2nd prize, London.

Dam, **HENDRE VIOLET** (18315).

Prince Shapely (16328).

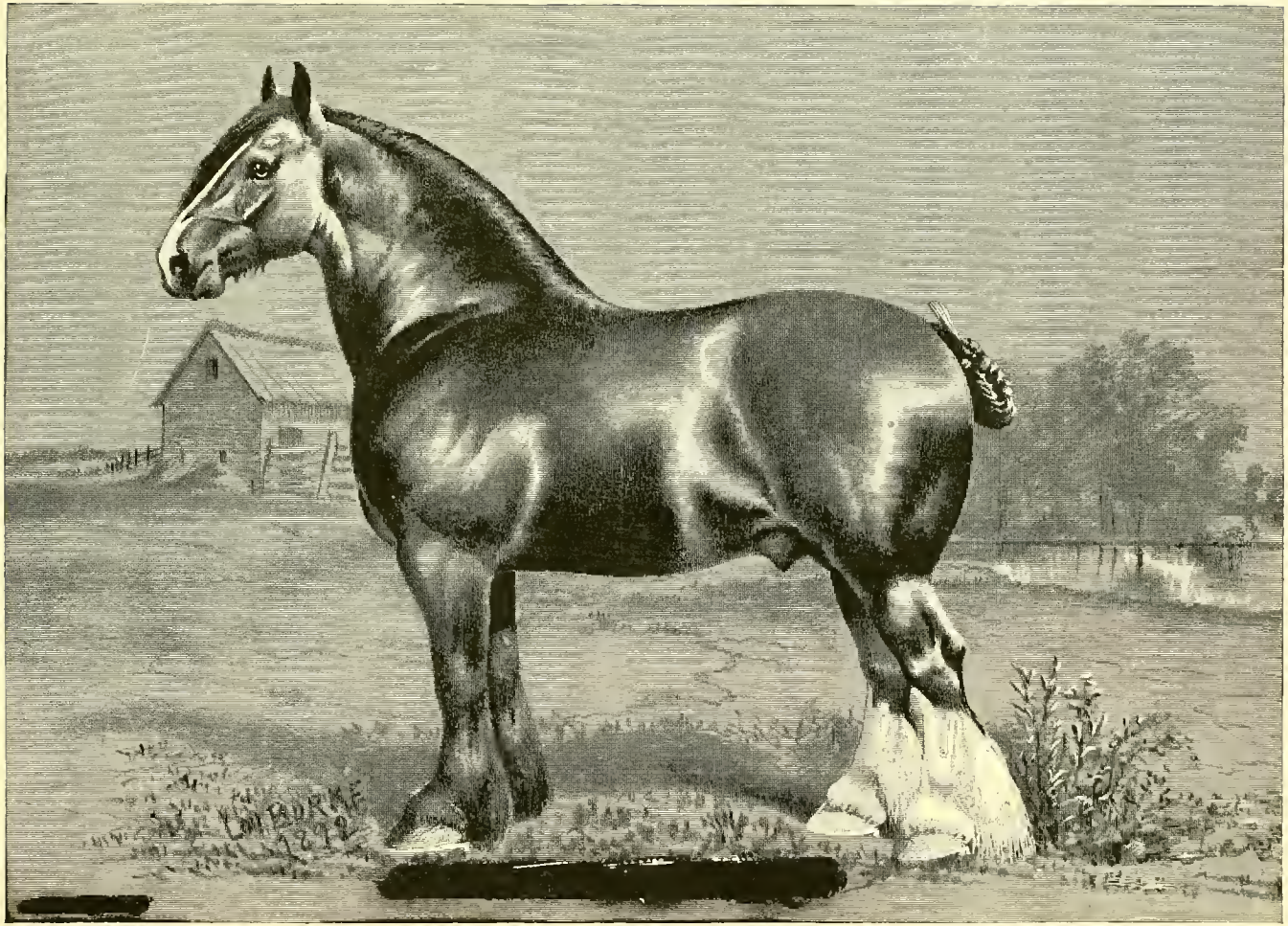
Bay, foaled 1895.

PRIZES—1st and Sweepstakes, Princeton; 3rd, Indiana State Fair, 1901.

Sire, **ORCHARD PRINCE** (10111).

1st, London Show, 1896; 4th, London Show, 1895; 2nd London Show, 1894; 1st and Champion. Gold Cup and Medal, London Show, 1893.

Dam, **LIVELY** (Vol. XVIII).



SHIRES.

Gamer (18031).

Brown, foaled 1898.

PRIZES—Gold Medal, International Exposition, 1901; 1st, Iowa State Fair, 1902.

Sire, **GRENDADIER III** (15128).

Dam, **LAMARIND** (8977).

Moulton Volunteer (16839).

Bay, foaled 1896.

Sire, **SALISBURY** (5324).

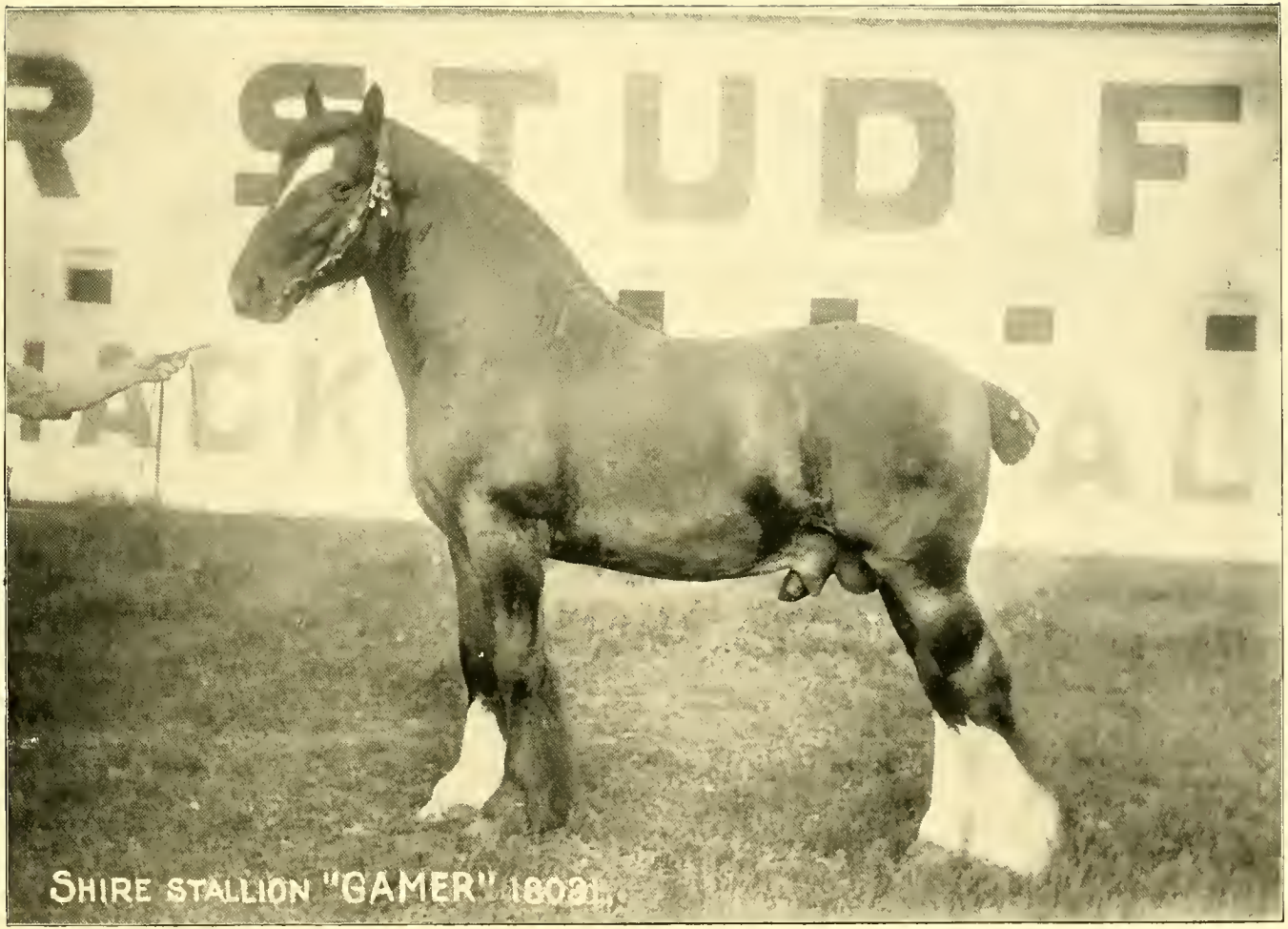
Dam, **MOULTON LILY** (17068).

Langwood Traitor (19751).

Bay, foaled 1897.

Sire, **TRAITOR** (15401).

Dam, **LANGWOOD COUNTESS** (6582).



SHIRE STALLION "GAMER" 1803.

SHIRES.

Whitestake Burgeon (20163).

Brown, foaled 1899.
2nd prize Whalley in 1900.

Sire, **BURGEON** (16571).

Dam, **LOFTY** (36469).

Bowden Emperor (18550).

Black Brown, foaled 1899.

Sire, **MARKEATON ROYAL HAROLD** (15225).

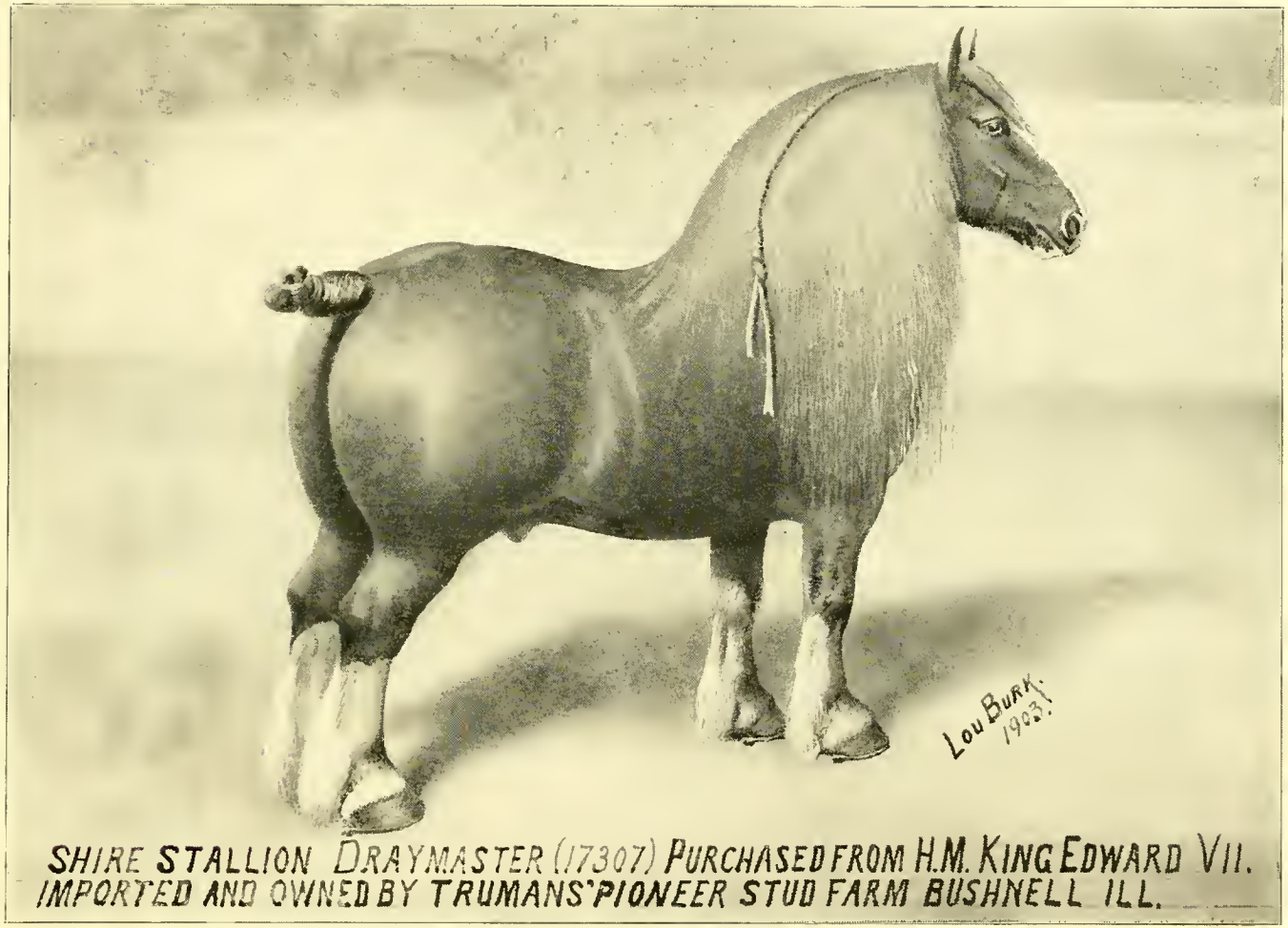
Dam, **PRIDE OF CAMPSALL** (20635).

Draymaster (17307).

Chestnut, foaled 1897.

Sire, **STONEWALL** (15375).

Dam, **GROVE JUNO, by R. R.** (6300).



SHIRE STALLION DRAYMASTER (17307) PURCHASED FROM H.M. KING EDWARD VII.
IMPORTED AND OWNED BY TRUMANS' PIONEER STUD FARM BUSHNELL ILL.

SHIRES.

Kline's Sampson (6573).

Black, foaled 1902.
3rd, Iowa State Fair, 1903.

Sire, **GIRTON ENSIGN** (18040).
Winner at London, 1900, with 53 entries in class.

Dam, **MY LADY IIII 5921.**

Kline's Salem (6572).

Bay, foaled 1902.

Sire, **GIRTON ENSIGN**, (18040).
Winner at London, 1900, with 53 entries in class.

Dam, **MY LADY III 5920.**

Girton Ensign 5733 (18040)
Winner at London Horse Show 1900 2 yrs. old, Weight 1875 lbs
Imp. and Owned by The Pioneer Stud Farm, J.G. Truman, Mgr.
Bushnell, Ill.

IMPORTED SHIRE MARES.

Ringsend Lady (40001).

Bay, foaled 1898.

(Full sister to Ringsend Lass). 1st, aged class, Iowa State Fair, 1902; one of pair that won 1st, Iowa State Fair, 1902.

Sire, SCROPTON VICAR (14275).

Dam, BLAZE'S DAUGHTER (27603).

Ringsend Lass (29842).

Bay, foaled 1895.

(Full sister to Ringsend Lady). 2nd, Iowa State Fair, 1902; one of pair that won 1st, Iowa State Fair, 1902.

Sire, SCROPTON VICAR (14275).

Dam, BLAZE'S DAUGHTER (27603).

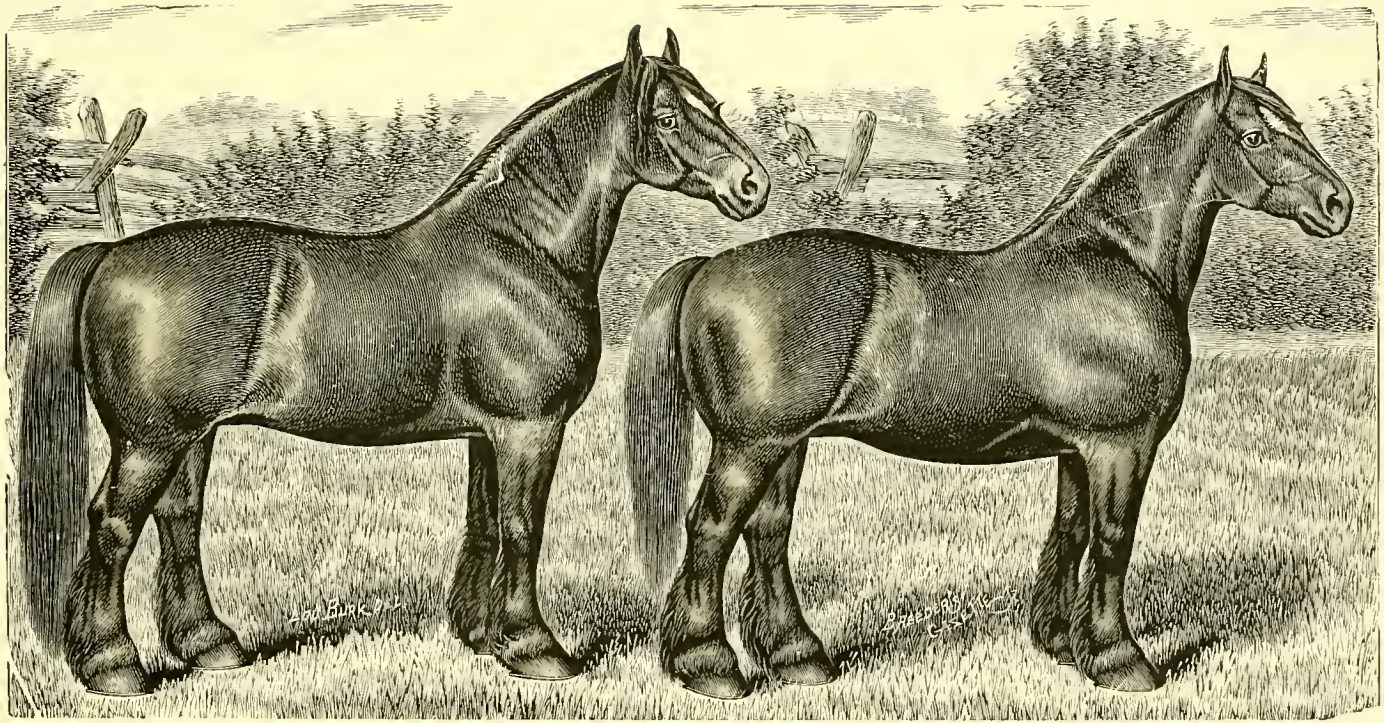
Gores Flower (39061).

Brown, foaled 1901.

PRIZE—1901, 2nd, Thorney.

Sire, GORES BLYTHWOOD (18048).

Dam, GORES STAR (28744).



IMPORTED SHIRE MARES.

Enfield Fuschia (21754).

PRIZES--1895, 1st, Newmarket; 1st and Champion as mare and foal; 2nd, Bedford; 3rd, Hatfield; 3rd, Waltham Abbey; 2nd, Essex; 1897, 3rd, Essex; 2nd, Waltham Cross; 3rd, Tring; 1898, 1st Gold Medal and Reserve for Champion, Suffolk Co. Show; 1st, Aged class; 1st, best Shire mare, American Association Gold Medal, English Society's Gold Medal, also Grand Champion at International Show, 1902.

Sire, **PRINCE HAROLD** (14228).

Dam, **ROKEBY FUSCHIA** (15507).

PRIZES—In 1893, 1st, Champion and Challenge Cup S. H. S., London; 1st, R. A. S. E., Chester. In 1894, 1st, Champion and Challenge Cup, S. H. S., London; 1st and Champion, R. A. S. E., Cambridge.

Bushnell Gipsy 7013 (Vol. 25.)

Black, foaled 1902.

1st, Iowa State Fair, 1903.

Sire, **THE ELY VICTOR** (10623).

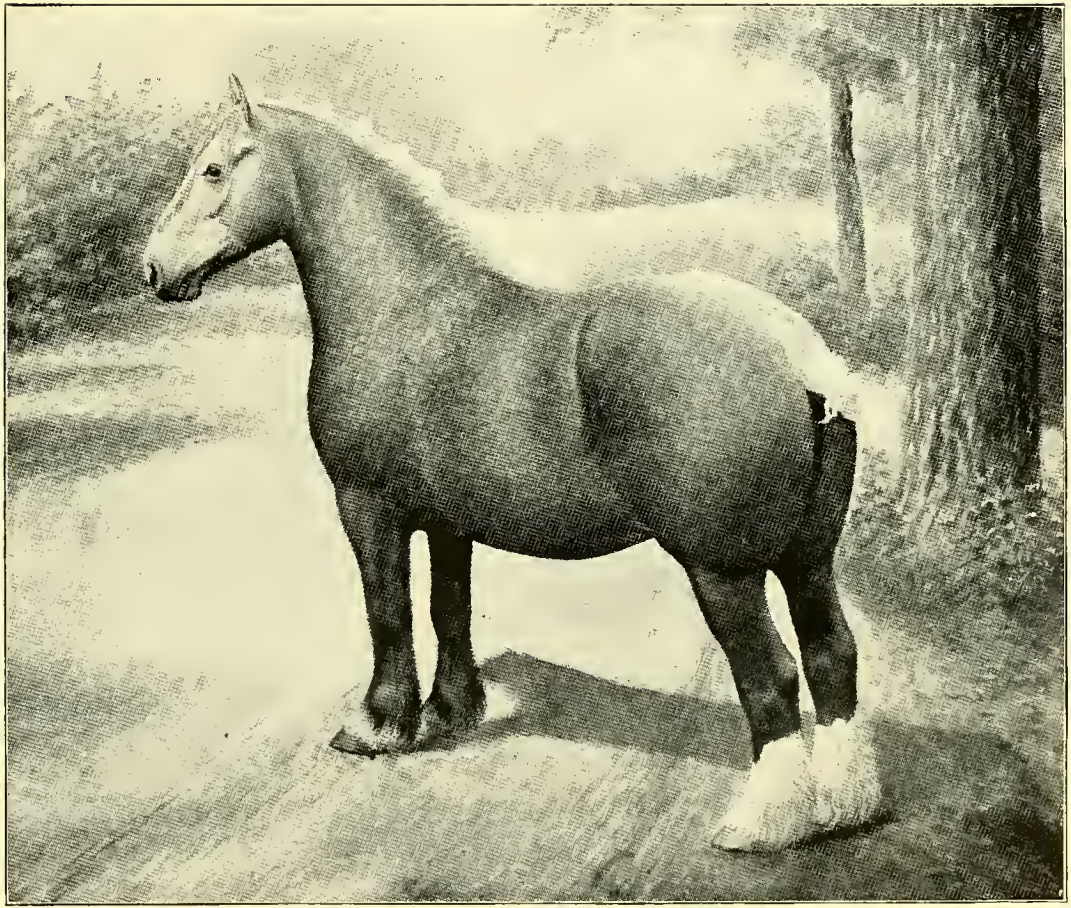
Dam, **CREEK GIPSY** (31513).

Bushnell Lass 7012 (Vol. 25).

Black, foaled 1902.

Sire, **THE ELY VICTOR** (10623).

Dam, **WEST FEN BROWN** (Vol. 25).



IMPORTED SHIRE MARES.

Danesfield Nuts (35563).

Bay, foaled 1900.

Sire, NATEBY CASHIER (16856).

Dam, DANESFIELD BLOSSOM (23435).

Gores Bounce (39059).

Bay, foaled 1901.

1st and Reserve for Champion at the International Show, 1902; also winner at Thorney and Petersboro, England, Shows.

Sire, STONEWALL (15375).

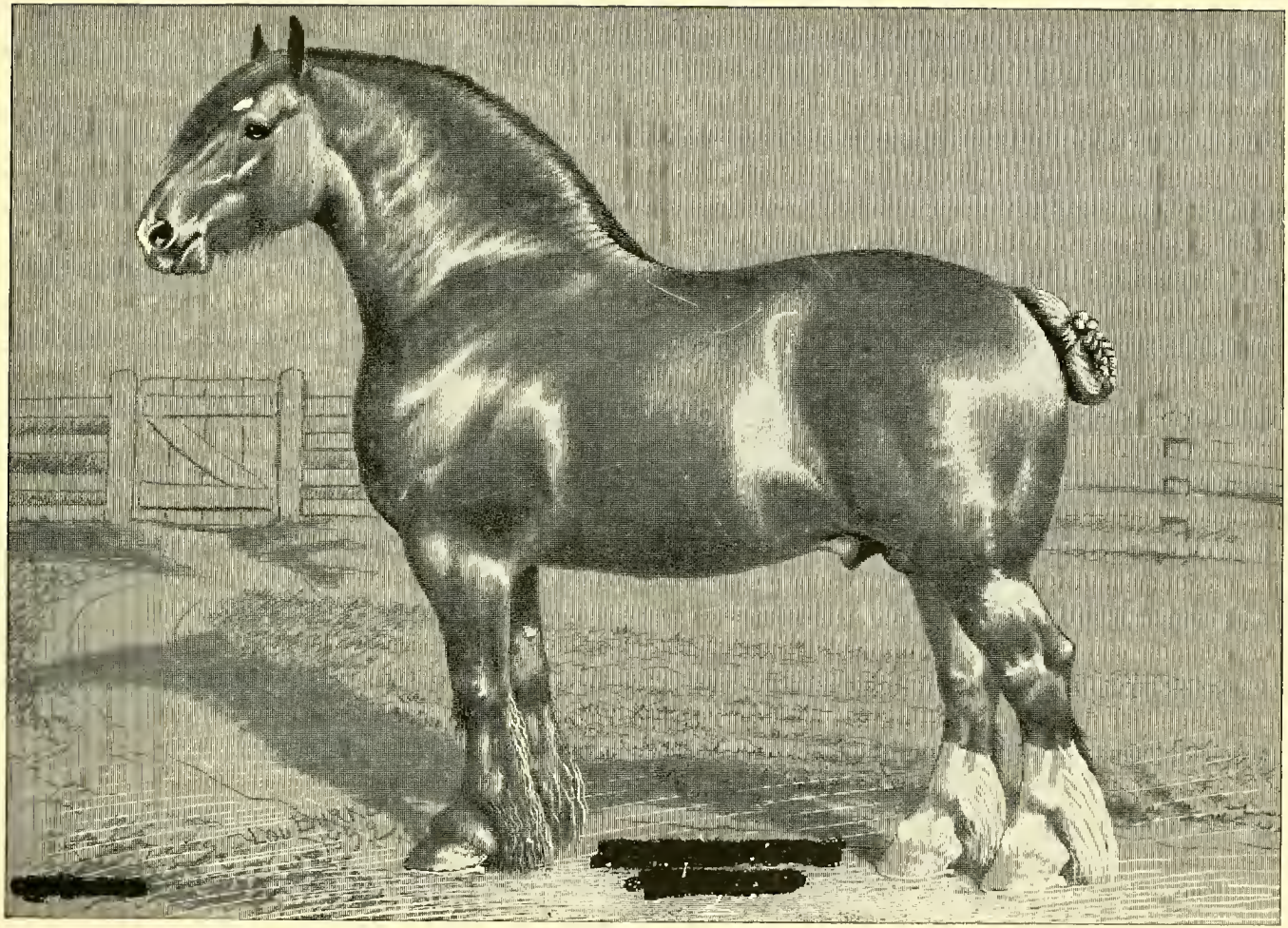
Dam, BRISK (19506).

Truman's Gaiety 6869.

Bay, foaled 1995.

Sire, SERVEN'S ELECTRIC 3506.

Dam, SERVEN'S GAIETY I 3501.



SUFFOLKS.

Ironsides (2759).

Bright Chestnut foaled 1898.

PRIZES—1st and Champion at Eye; 2st and Champion at Halesworth; 2nd at Woodbridge, 1900; 1st at Royal Cardiff; 2nd at Woodbridgo; 3rd, Beccles; 3rd, Richmond; Reserve, Essex County Show, 1901; 2nd, Woodbridge; 2nd, Suffolk Agricultural and Reserve for Championship, Champion Tenant Farmer's class; 3rd, Richmond; Reserve Essex County Show; 2nd, International; 1902.

Sire, **BORDER MINSTREL** (2287).
1891, 1st and Champion, Eye; 1st and Champion, Framlingham; 1894, 3rd, Woodbridge Spring Show.

Dam, **DUCHESS** (3536).
1893, H. C. at Eye; 1893, 3rd, Halesworth; 1893, H. C. Framlingham; 1893, 2nd, Framlingham, Cook's Horse Prize; 1898, Reserve Brood Mare with foal, Eye; 1898, 3rd. Halesworth; 1899, 1st, Halesworth; 1900, Reserve, Halesworth.

Highlander (2852).

Dark Chestnut, foaled 1889.

Sire, **PRATT'S SCOTTISH CHIEF** (2615).

Dam, **MERCY** (3953).

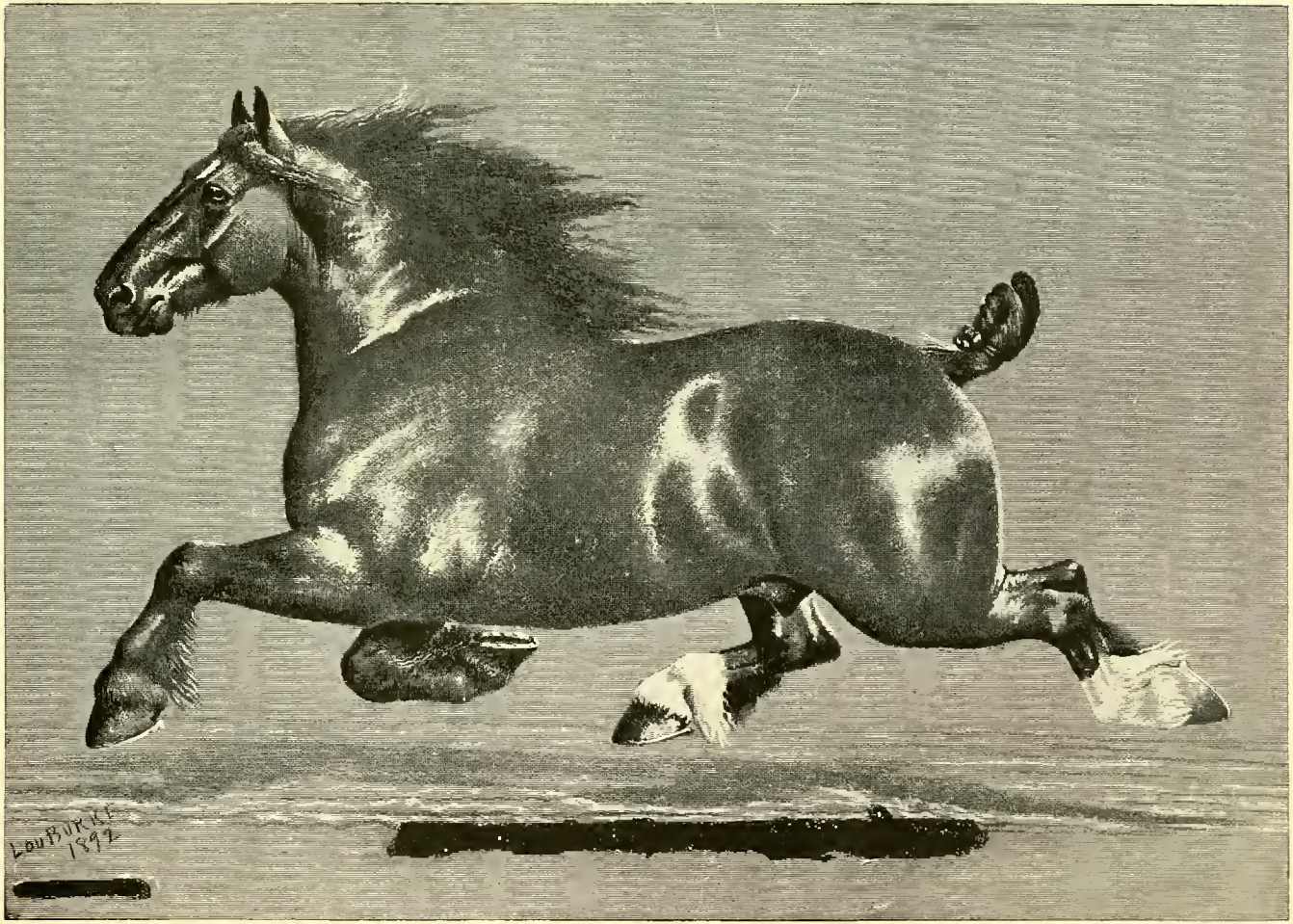
His Grace (2737).

Bright Chestnut, foaled 1895.

PRIZES—1896, 2nd, Suffolk, A. S., Newmarket; 1897, 1st, Royal Show, Manchester; 1897, 1st, Essex, A. S., Brentwood; 1897, 1st, Ipswich Co. Show; 1897, 1st, Woodbridge Show; 1898, 1st, Royal Show, Birmingham; 1st Woodbridge Show.

Sire, **PRATT'S ECLIPSE** (2627).

Dam, **EASTON BELLE** (2497).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PERCHERONS.

Robinot (44923.)

Black Grey, foaled 1899.

Sire, **NAPOLITAIN** (43046).

Dam, **MIRABELLE** (35374).

Docile (46906).

Black, foaled 1899.

Sire, **FRANCAIS** (20374).

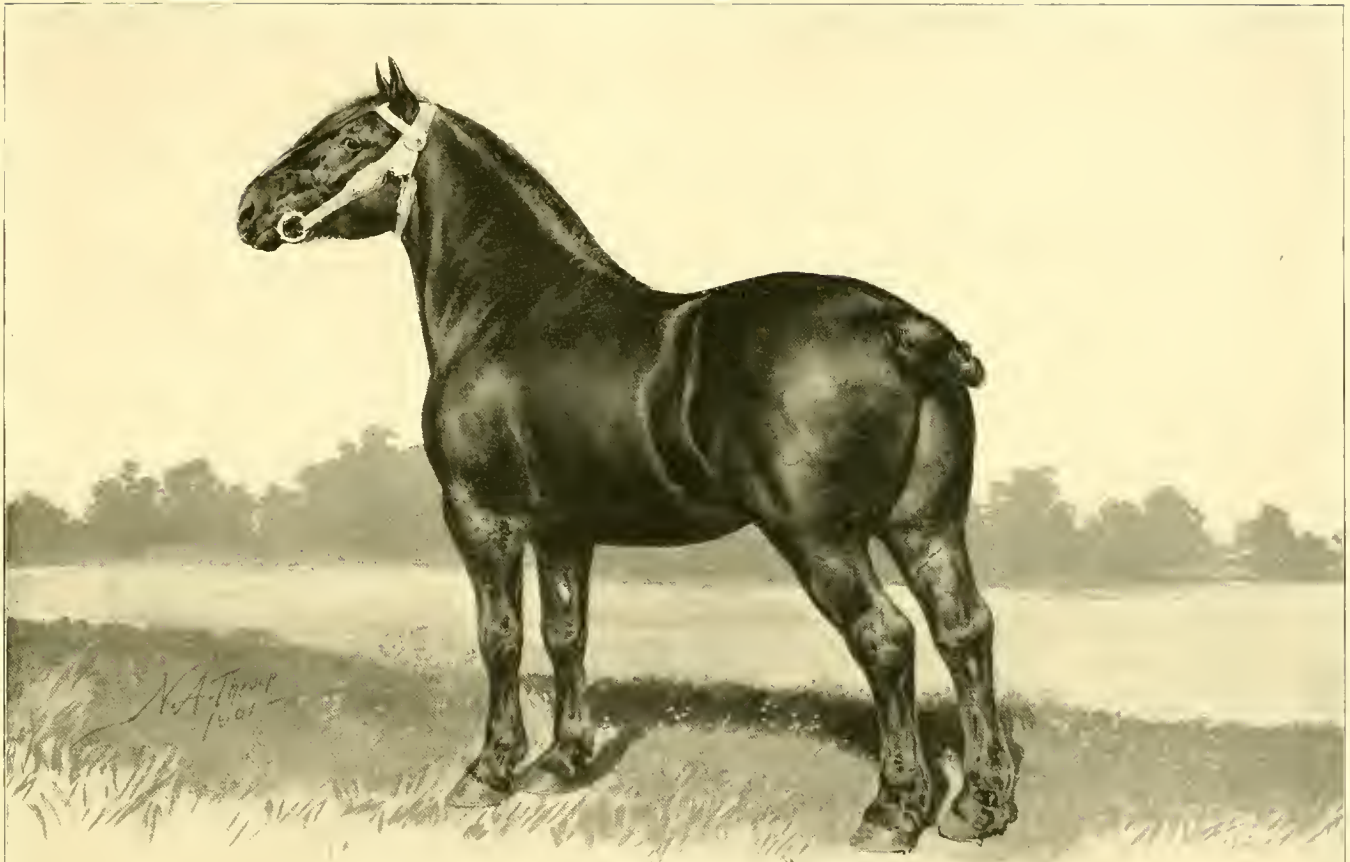
Dam, **FAMILLIERE** (35557).

Aigmlleur (48507).

Black, foaled March 2, 1897.

Sire, **MORSE** (40383).

Dam, **PIALEINE** (30391).



PERCHERON STALLION "ABOUKIR" (45234) 2 yrs old
First Prize Winner Illinois State Fair 1901 Imported and Owned by The Pioneer Stud Farm
Bushnell, Illinois.

PERCHERONS.

Gambette (46976).

Black, foaled March 6, 1898.

Sire, **FLANEUR** (22931).

Dam, **LIZETTE** (31987).

Aiguillon (47387).

Black, foaled 1900.

Sire, **VOLCAN** (30056).

Dam, **BLEUE** (33064).

Hardi (46208).

Black, foaled 1900.

Sire, **RODOMONT** (43006).

Dam, **SAGESSE** (13621).

PERCHERON STALLION "POULE D OR" (46955) 4yrs old
IMPORTED AND OWNED BY THE PIONEER STUD FARM
BUSHNELL, ILLINOIS.

PERCHERONS.

Reveille (48524).

Black, foaled 1898.

Sire, **KLEBER** (41943).

Dam, **ROSA** (27081).

Utema (44448).

Black, foaled 1898.

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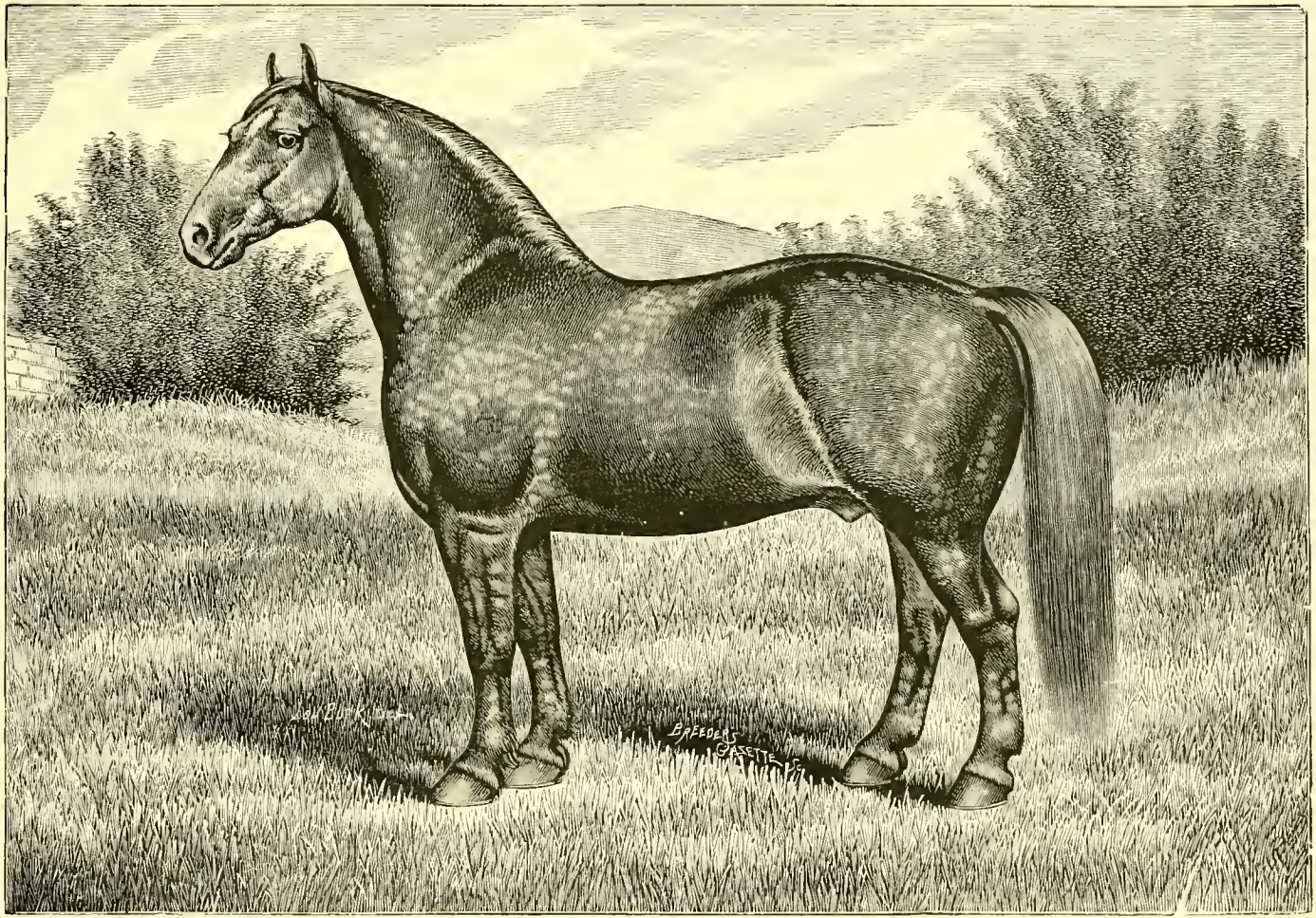
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BELGIANS.

Domino (17386).

Black, foaled 1898.

Sire, **FISCO** (8768).

Dam, **CLARISSE** (19269).

Jupi (23386).

Bay, foaled 1900.

Sire, **JUPITER II** (6586).

Dam, **VIGOUREUSE** (17789).

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Sire, **LADY GOYCK** (3524).

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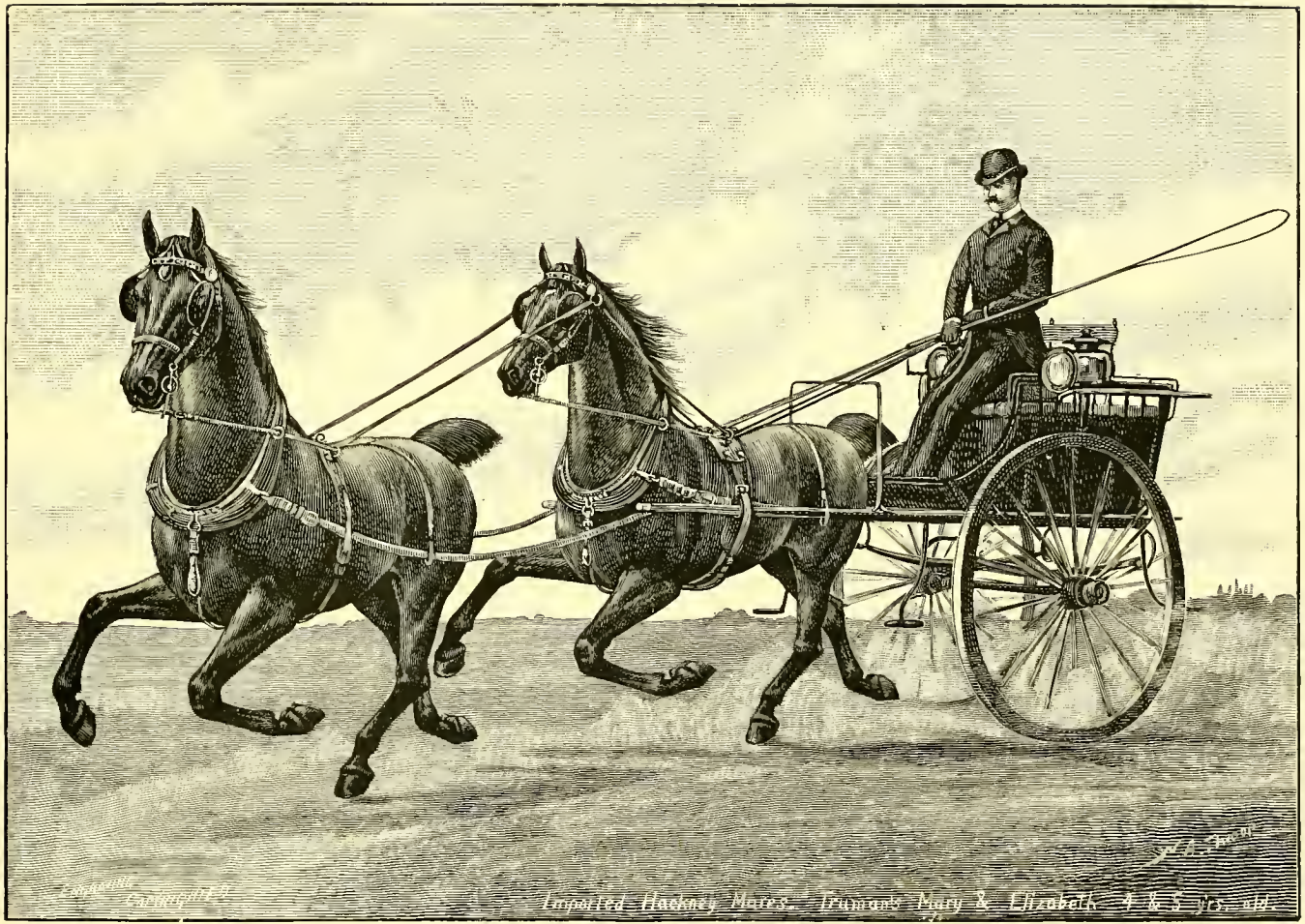


Imported Hackney Mares - Trumans' Mary & Elizabeth - 4 & 5 yrs. old.

BELGIANS.

Nero-de-Burlin (23078).

Black, foaled 1900.

Sire, MARENGO (5678).

Dam, POULETTE-DE-BURLIN (26913).

Bijou Berni (23384).

Bay, foaled 1900.
Third, Iowa State Fair, 1903.

Sire, BEAU-PRE (11666).

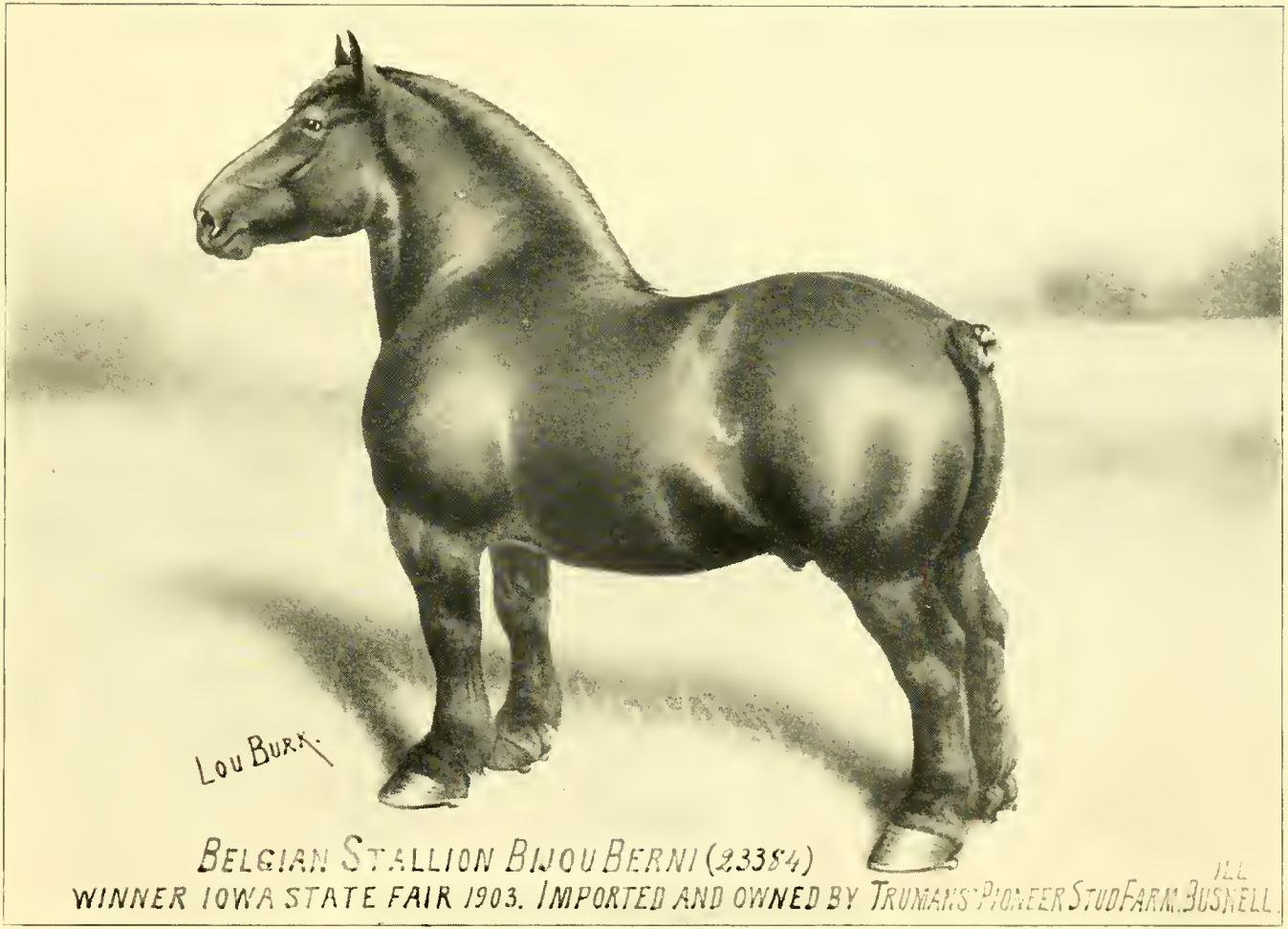
Dam, BAIE-DE-BERNISSEN (17783).

Clairon-de-Rhisnes (18360).

Chestnut, foaled 1899.
Fourth, Iowa State Fair, 1903.

Sire, LION (7480).

Dam, ERNAGE (8411).



BELGIAN STALLION BIJOU BERNI (23384)
WINNER IOWA STATE FAIR 1903. IMPORTED AND OWNED BY TRUMANS' PIONEER STUD FARM, BUSHNELL, ILL.

HACKNEYS.

Ely Topsman (7795).

Chestnut, foaled 1898.

Sire, **STOW GABRIEL** (5416).

Dam, **LADY MAYORESS** (5605).

Truman's Cadet (Vol. XXI).

Dark Chestnut, foaled 1901.

PRIZES—First, Iowa State Fair, 1903.

Sire, **WOOD GANYMEDE** (7674).

Dam, **CLAYGATE ROSE** (Vol. XXI).

B. H. Prince Henry (7703).

Bay, foaled 1900.

PRIZES—Second, Iowa State Fair.

Sire, **HIS MAGESTY** (2513).

Dam, **CONSTANCE** (6501).

HACKNEY STALLION MATTISHALL GABRIEL (7918) 1ST PRIZE IOWA STATE FAIR 1903.
IMPORTED AND OWNED BY TRUMANS' PIONEER STUD FARM BUSHNELL ILLINOIS.

NEWSPAPER COMMENTS

Pioneer Stud Farm's Latest Importation.

(Chicago Drovers' Journal, September 24, 1902.)

The Pioneer Stud farm of Bushnell, Ill., has just received its fifth importation for this season of Shire, Percheron and Hackney stallions.

We have repeatedly had occasion to mention the many prize-winning animals imported by this firm, but the shipment in question eclipses anything they have yet attempted. Little wonder the Trumans have such success in the show ring at our big state fairs and in the sale yard, buying, as they always have done, the very best specimens of the breeds to be found on the other side.

London and Royal winners are always to be seen at Bushnell. Size, quality and breeding is their motto, and in this instance is fully maintained. Horses weighing 2,000 pounds and upward, moving like coachers, is a frequent sight at Bushnell. Among the lot are four animals from the great Blaisdon stud, including the champion yearling stallion Blaisdon Harold 2d. He is sired by the noted horse Blaisdon Harold (17776), and his dam, Hawthorn 16758, has produced other notable horses.

Blaisdon Albert (19350) is a 2-year-old from the same stud. He is a beautiful chestnut, with a grand set of legs, two good ends, and a middle and loin that leaves nothing to be desired, and, with his extraordinary action, classes him among the greatest horses of his age ever seen in this or any other country. This colt is a son of Blaisdon Conqueror (15989), acknowledged to be one of the greatest sires in the history of Shire horse breeding.

The Trumans tried hard to get Mr. Stubs, the owner, to part with him, but their offer of $15,000 was refused. Blaisdon Albert will be seen in the show rings this fall, and we shall have more to say about him later on. Another 2-year-old that Mr. Stubs supplied is the bay Blaisdon Farmer (19353.) Here again we find breeding of the highest quality, being sired by Blaisdon Conqueror (15989,) dam Wild Rose 17620, by Pluto (5262,) the sire of Blaisdon Pluto, the champion and gold medal winner at the last International show held in Chicago.

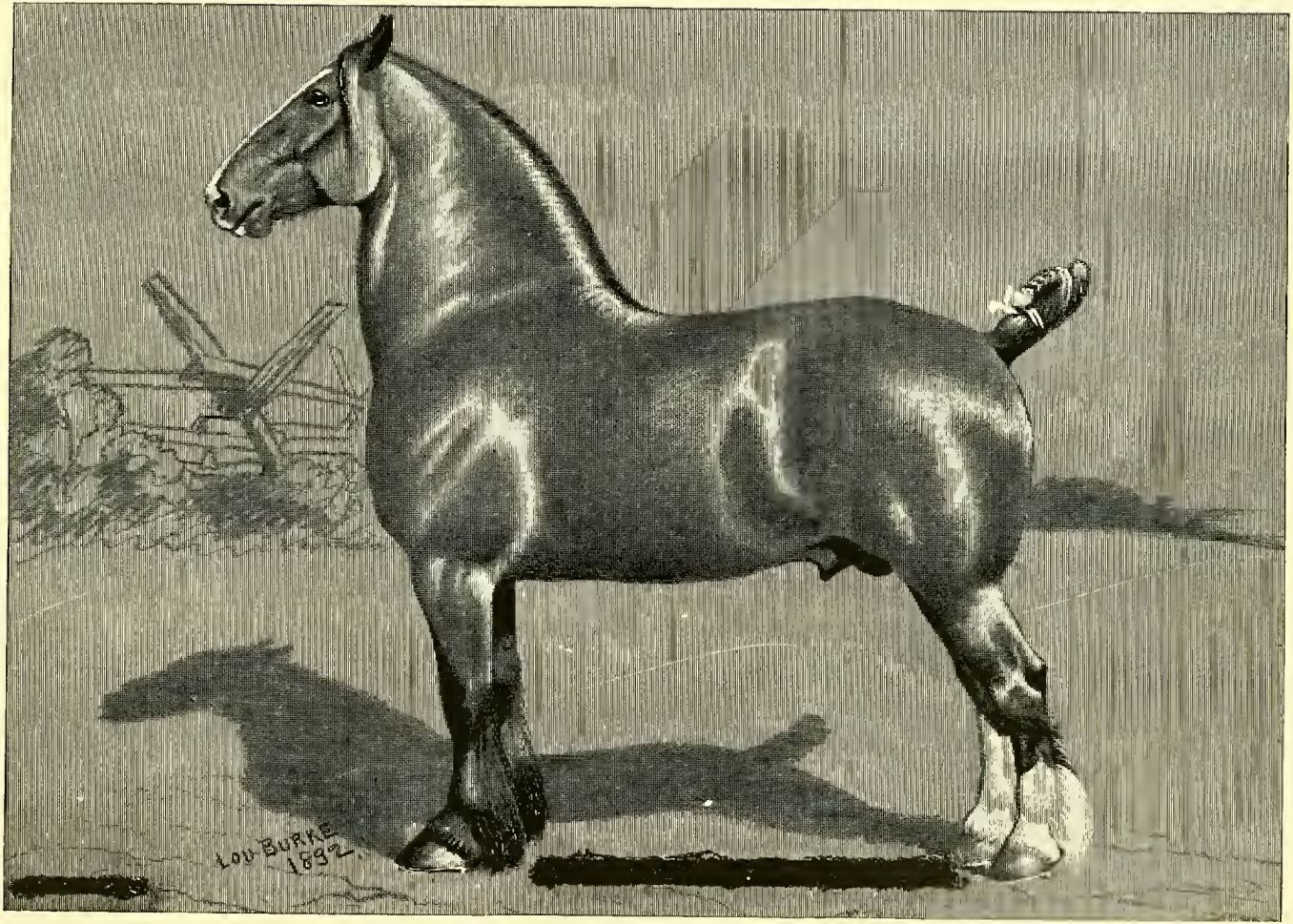
Blaisdon Cardinal (18527) is a 3-year-old, a big, wide, sappy colt, with all the style and action possible to get, and one we are sure to hear of later on in his new home. He is a full brother to the champion yearling, Blaisdon Harold 2d.

In the black 2-year-old Grandford Hermit (19661) the Pioneer Stud farm looks for big things. This colt is a grandson of the great London winner, Harold (3703) on his sire's side, and Wonder of the West (2371) on his dam's side. Such a coupling of blood cannot help but have the desired effect. He is a perfert specimen of the breed, full of quality, and a remarkably good all-round goer. Passing on to the older horses, we may mention the 7-year-old Rokety Fitz (16361), a horse that has done duty in the stud in England under the personal supervision of H. H. Truman, M. P., C. V. S., and has proved himself a sure and good breeder.

Duke X. (17951), Ratchy Cashier (16856), Prince Shapely (16328), Gamer (18031), Dunsmore Heirloom (16655), Bury Ruler (17222), and several others too numerous to mention are all of the big, massive type and weigh a ton or better. The Percherons, with few exceptions, are blacks and fully up to the standard, and were bought from the best breeders in the Perche district of France. In age they range from yearlings to 7-year-olds. In the lot is the great 4-year-old Dagobert (46970), Sirdar (43625), of the same age. Cachucha (45203) is a 3-year old that pulls the scale at 2,100 pounds. All are of the wide, short-legged sort so much sought after by the American breeder.

The farm's reputation for importing Hackneys is fully sustained in this shipment. The Trumans have been handling the breed for some twenty-four years. They are bays, chestnuts and blue roans, standing sixteen hands, perfect conformation and extraordinary knee action.

To those wisbing to purchase a stallion of either breed we would advise a trip to Bushnell.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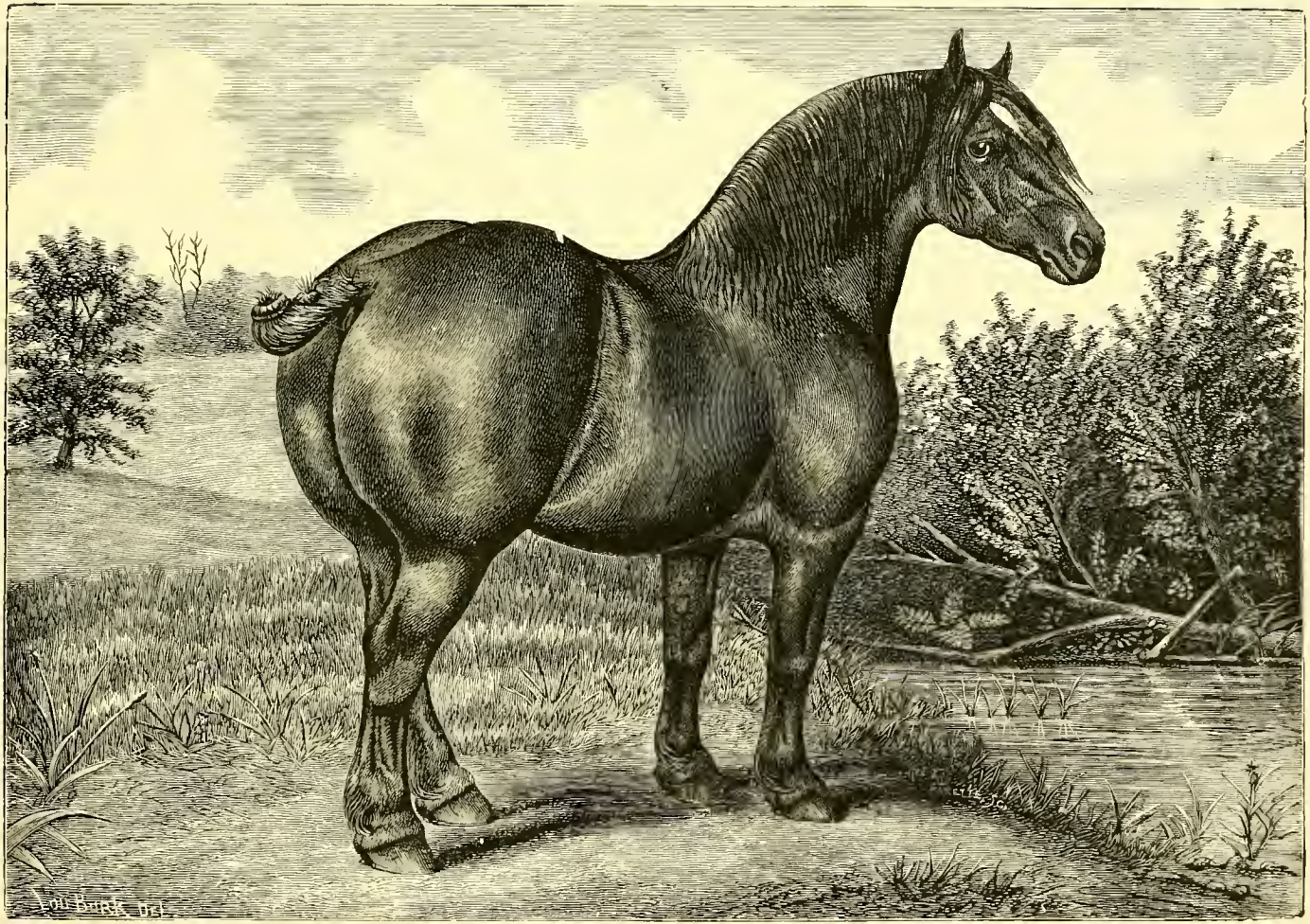
The Pioneer Stud Farm.

(Iowa Homestead, August 14, 1902.)

Ever since the Pioneer Stud Farm was established in 1878, at the Union Stock Yards,Chicago,by Mr. J. H. Truman, who is at present a resident of Whittlesea, England, it has been kept constantly before the American public. It was not, however, until this establishment was moved to Bushnell, Ill., that its business capacity was materially increased. At the present time, this farm is under the exclusive management of Mr. J. G. Truman, and it is by his courtesy that we are afforded the pleasure of making this announcement through our reading columns. Located as he is in the heart of the agricultural district of Illinois, he is able to conduct a business which is far in excess of anything that might be done in localities not tributary to the best farming country in the United States. Shire horse breeding never reached its zenith until these parties engaged in the enterprise, and today a visit to the farm will show a lot of horses which have been produced by the combined effort of the leading breeders of two continents. We speak of this because the business in England is conducted by Mr. J. H. Truman, who is the senior partner of the Pioneer Stud Farm Company, and it is his excellent judgment which enables them to select all the choicest Shire stallions in Great Britain for importation to this country. This statement will be verified beyond any doubt if our readers will take the trouble of paying a visit to the farm. The comfort and convenience of the horses and their grooms have been greatly enhanced by the erection of a large stable, the like of which is not seen in central Illinois. This stable, or pavilion, is 140 feet long and forty feet wide, with twenty roomy box stalls, 12x12. It is certainly an ideal place for showing stock to the best advantage, and the visitor will always see a very choice lot of Shire stallions conveniently arranged in these comfortable quarters. At the present time there are about thirty-five head of stallions, two and three years old, six Percherons, the balance Shires. They are all of the massive, large boned, well muscled sort, with very neat head and neck, strong coupling, deep rib and very heavy quarters. For style and action they will meet the requirements of the most exacting purchaser, and with their abundant scale they combine the necessary requirements of the twentieth century draft horse in every detail. It has recently been the pleasure of the writer to spend a short time at the farm, and while there to be shown around in company with one of the proprietors. We began the tour of inspection by examining the six-year-old stallion, Nateby Cashier (16856). This horse is from one of the largest breeders in England, and was imported to this country for the Pioneer Stud Farm last season. He is an animal of phenomenal scale, weighing about 2,285 pounds in ordinary flesh, and with this enormous weight he combines style and action necessary to show all of his draft horse qualities. He is an animal which shows a great deal of character about the head, plenty of style, very strong coupling, heavy quarters and wonderful bone. He will be seen at the Iowa State Fair next week as one of the exhibits of the Pioneer Stud Farm, this being the first state fair exhibit made by these parties in the season of 1902. We cannot help predicting some very flattering results from the exhibition of this stallion and even at the International show at Chicago next December we shall hope to list him very near the head of his class. Next in order, we had the pleasure of examining the black six-year-old stallion, Dunsmore Heirloom (16655). This is the greatest prize winner to be seen in the stables at the present time. He has to his credit the honor of being first at Nottingham, England, second at Moreton-in Marsh, second at Peterborough, second at Coles Hill, third at London, first at Rugby, second at Oxfordshire, and second at the Royal Counties exhibit. He was sired by the great Jeroboam (15172), the first and champion stallion at Peterborough, England. This horse at the present time weighing about 2,000 pounds, and his excellent style and action, good muscle, wonderful bone and heavy quarters can not fail to attract the most discriminating judge of a draft horse. Among the Percherons the center of interest will fall upon the three-year-old, iron gray stallion, Cachucha (45203). In speaking of this horse Mr. Truman very modestly asserted that "he is the best Percheron stallion in America." For a combination of full chest, strong coupling and heavy quarters it would be a very difficult matter to find a horse which would more truly conform to those requirements than does this one. With his extreme weight he combines the style and action of a coacher, making him one of the best specimens of the breed. It is always a pleasure to us to refer to such an animal in this manner and in view of the fact that the Percherons maintained at the Pioneer Stud Farm are all after this same type, it of necessity, places the ideal very high as compared with other importations. The same can be said of the Shires just referred to, and an



examination of the stock will verify the same. There is a new importation which will arrive at the farm about August 15th, and we are told that they are of the same type as the horses referred to in this notice. If any of our readers anticipate selecting a stallion for next season it would be well to see this lot before buying. We can personally recommend the business policies of the manager, Mr. J. G. Truman, and he will be found a very pleasant man in every way. It is always a pleasure to him to entertain visitors at any time, and it will certainly be a rare treat to anyone interested in the draft horse business to visit the farm.

The Pioneer Stud Farm.

(Chicago Drovers' Journal, August 25, 1902.)

For the last quarter of a century the name of Truman has been inseparably connected with the Shire horse industry of this country. J. H. Truman established an importing stable at Chicago in the early '70's, being the pioneer in that business. The establishment has for several years been located at Bushnell, Ill., as the Pioneer Stud Farm, under the management of J. G. Truman, Mr. Truman's eldest son, while the senior member of the firm resides at Whittlesea, England, and devotes his time to buying stallions which they import to this country. The great success of the Pioneer stud horses in the Shire class at the International Expositiou last December is familiar to all readers of the Drovers Journal. A few days ago a representative of this paper visited the commodious stables at Bushnell and found Manager Truman busily engaged in preparing his horses for the Iowa State Fair, where the people this week will have an opportunity to inspect the high-class stallions which this firm handle. For size, substance, bone and finish we doubt if an equal number of Shire horses can be found in one stable in this country. They are certainly an exceptional lot. Prominent in the exhibit will be Gamer, the goldmedal winner at last year's International. He is now 4 years old, weighs 2025 pounds and will certainly be right up at the head of the procession at Des Moines. Nateby Cashier a 6-year-old bay, is a horse of great substance, weighing 2350 pounds. He is a big, flash actor, and will surely be heard from. One of the choice things in the Pioneer string is Dunsmoor Heirloom, a black weighing 2125 pounds. He was bred by Mr. Muntz, the noted English breeder, and has ten premiums to his credit in the English show rings. He was sired by Jeroboam, who was first and champion in England, and his dam was the noted Scarsdale Marabou, champion mare at the English Royal, and who was sold for $7,250. Dunsmoor Heirloom is 6 years old and a typical draft stallion in every way. He has fourteen inches of bone. Prince Shapely is a bay, 7 years old, weighing 2,225 pounds. He was sired by Orchard Prince, champion at the London show for four successive years. Other good Shire stallions that the Pioneer Stud farm will show at Des Moines are Octavian, a brown, 5-year-old, ton stallion, with plenty of bone and substance. Baden Powell, a solid bay, 5 years old, and weighing 2100 pounds; Langwood Traitor, a 4-year-old bay that tips the scales at 2210 pounds, and King Edward 6th, a 2-year-old brown with plenty of quality.

In Percherons they will have Dagabout, a Brilliant-bred stallion 5 years old, a deep black, and weighing 2040 pounds; Sirdar, a 1900-pound 4-year-old black stallion with plenty of quality, and Cachucha, 3 years old, a dark gray, weighing 2150 pounds, and a hard one to beat. They will also show the Hackney stallion Volunteer that was first at the Indiana state fair last fall and also a prize winner at the Illinois state fair.

The Pioneer Stud farm has received three importations this year, and will have another one arrive early in September. In this importation will be many flashy young things that will be seen at the Illinois state fair and also at the International.

Meeting of Stockholders.

(Augusta, Illinois, Paper, January 29, 1903.)

The first meeting of the Augusta Shire Horse Company was held at Augusta, Illinois, Friday, January 23, 1903, when the stockholders elected J. M. Garwood, president; Rolla Frank, secretary; F. M. Noel, treasurer, and F. E. Williams, V. C. Massie, T. J. Garwood, C. F. Walton and M. E. Randall, Board of Directors. Rolla Frank was appointed manager of the horse.

This company has just purchased from the Pioneer Stud farm, of Bushnell, Ill., the fine three-year-old Shire stallion, Blaisdon Farmer, 19353. His sire is the prize winning Shire stallion, Blaisdon Conqueror, 15989, who has

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won a number of premiums at London and the leading horse shows in England. His dam, Wild Rose, 17620, one of the very best Shire mares in England, is also the dam of Blaisdon Pluto, the Gold Medal and Champion stallion at the International, 1901, and sold to the Oakland Shire Horse Co., Rushville, Ill., for the handsome sum of $4,000.

This company is to be congratulated on having secured this fine young stallion. He is a model draft horse and was so much admired at the recent International Show at Chicago. In the opinion of many good, practical judges he was considered one of the best horses in the show. While he is not three years old until spring he tips the scales at 1900 pounds. The farmers in this community never had such an opportunity to improve their horse stock, and the community at large has reason to be proud of the enterprising members of this company for having secured such a valuable draft horse.

The Pioneer Stud Farm.

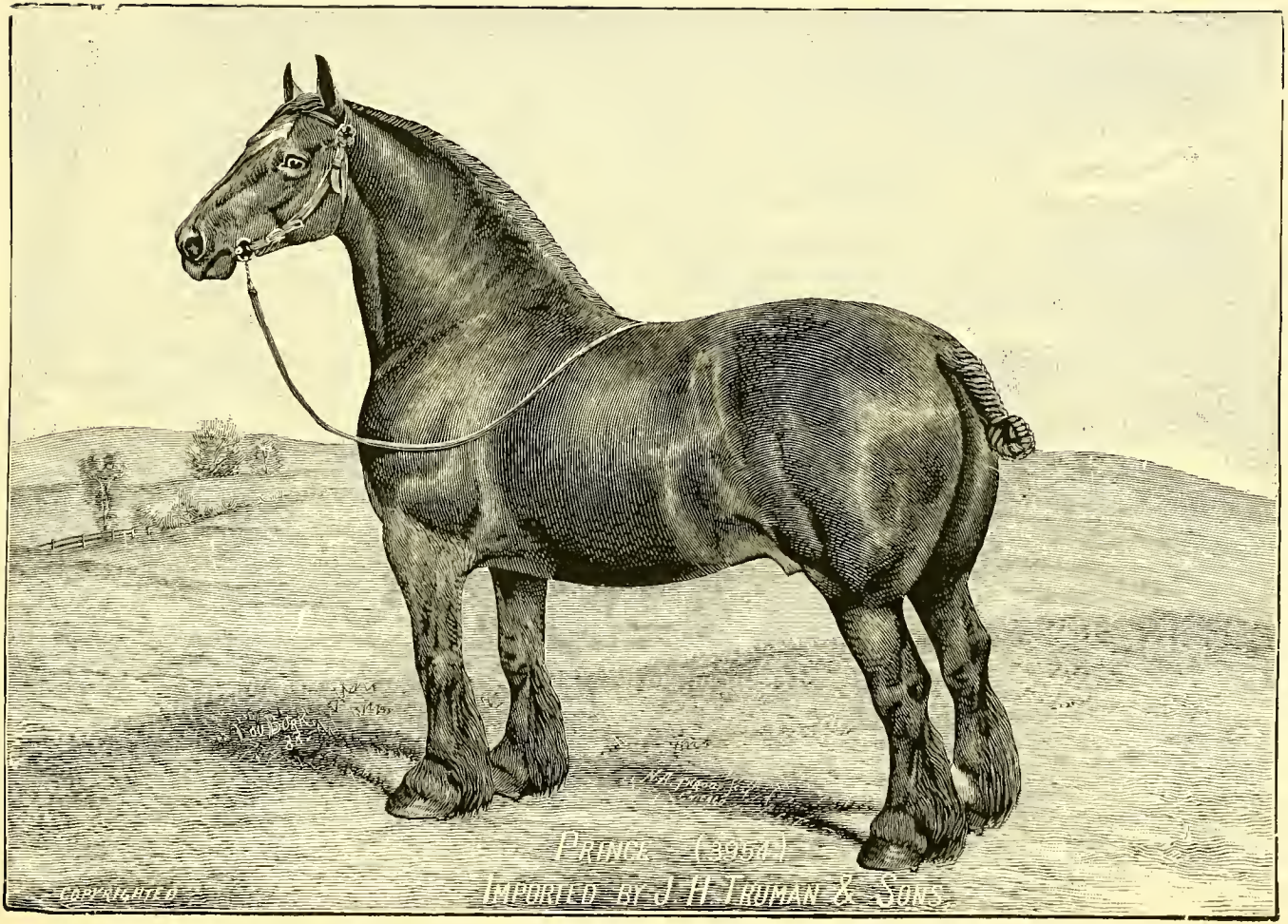
(Iowa Homestead, November 13, 1902.)

For the past twenty years the public has been repeatedly reminded of the choice stallions which were being imported by the Pioneer Stud farm, of Bushnell, Ill. Unlike most importers these parties have one of the firm in the old country all the time. Mr. J. H. Truman is a resident of Whittlesea, England, and this, of course, makes it possible for them to secure every high class Shire stallion which is offered for sale on the other side. We say Shires because the name of the stud has always been associated with this particular breed and in this country they have been headquarters for the tops of the two continents. Of late years they have purchased a few Percherons and Hackneys to meet the demands of their trade, but never during that time have they failed to retain the high standard of merit among the Shires (the breed of their choice). It would be extremely difficult to find a person who is more thoroughly conversant with the merits of a Shire stallion than is Mr. J. G. Truman, who is the present manager of the farm and who makes his home at Bushnell. The new stable, which has been recently erected at the Pioneer Stud farm, affords excellent opportunity for visitors inspect the stallions and when we regard it from the point of equipment it must be declared as one of the best in the land. It could not be otherwise and do justice to its occupants, as the Shire stallions which have their home there are the best specimens of breed in this country. The fifth importation for this season arrived at home September 11, and they are a very high class lot. All of them are of the large, drafty sort, showing beautiful style and action, flat, heavy bone and great depth, strong couplings, wide tops and heavy quarters, with especially good feet and pasterns. For the farmers' horse there are none more useful and more successful sires than these stallions and the market horses which they will sire are the ones which are always in demand, especially in eastern markets. Farmers who wish to raise high class market geldings cannot do better than to own one of these ton stallions to breed from. Messrs. Truman will be very happy to help place company horses, and individuals will find that they get value received when purchasing.

Trumans' Horses.

(Breeders' Gazette, November 4, 1903.)

It has fallen to the lot of the writer to make occasional visits to the horse establishment of the Pioneer Stud Farm, Bushnell, Ill., owned by J. H. Truman & Sons. These visits cover a period of several years and are sufficient to thoroughly familiarize the writer with the quality of the horses handled by this firm, the extent of its business and the methods of conducting. The Trumans began their business career as importers of Shire horses as early as 1874, being among the earliest importers of this breed. For a few years the business was conducted at the Union Stock Yards, Chicago, and later removed to Bushnell, where they have been located for the past twenty years. With the senior member of the firm, J. H. Truman, Shire horse breeding at Whittlesea, England, has been a life business, and to this day the selection of horses for export to America is left entirely to him. In this respect the firm claims an advantage over many of its competitors by having one of the firm a resident of the Shire horse breeding districts, whose business it is to be on the lookout for good sound horses, the sort that are most appreciated by the American buyer. The Trumans claim to handle nothing but the best of the breed that can be bought on the other side so that a reasonable profit can be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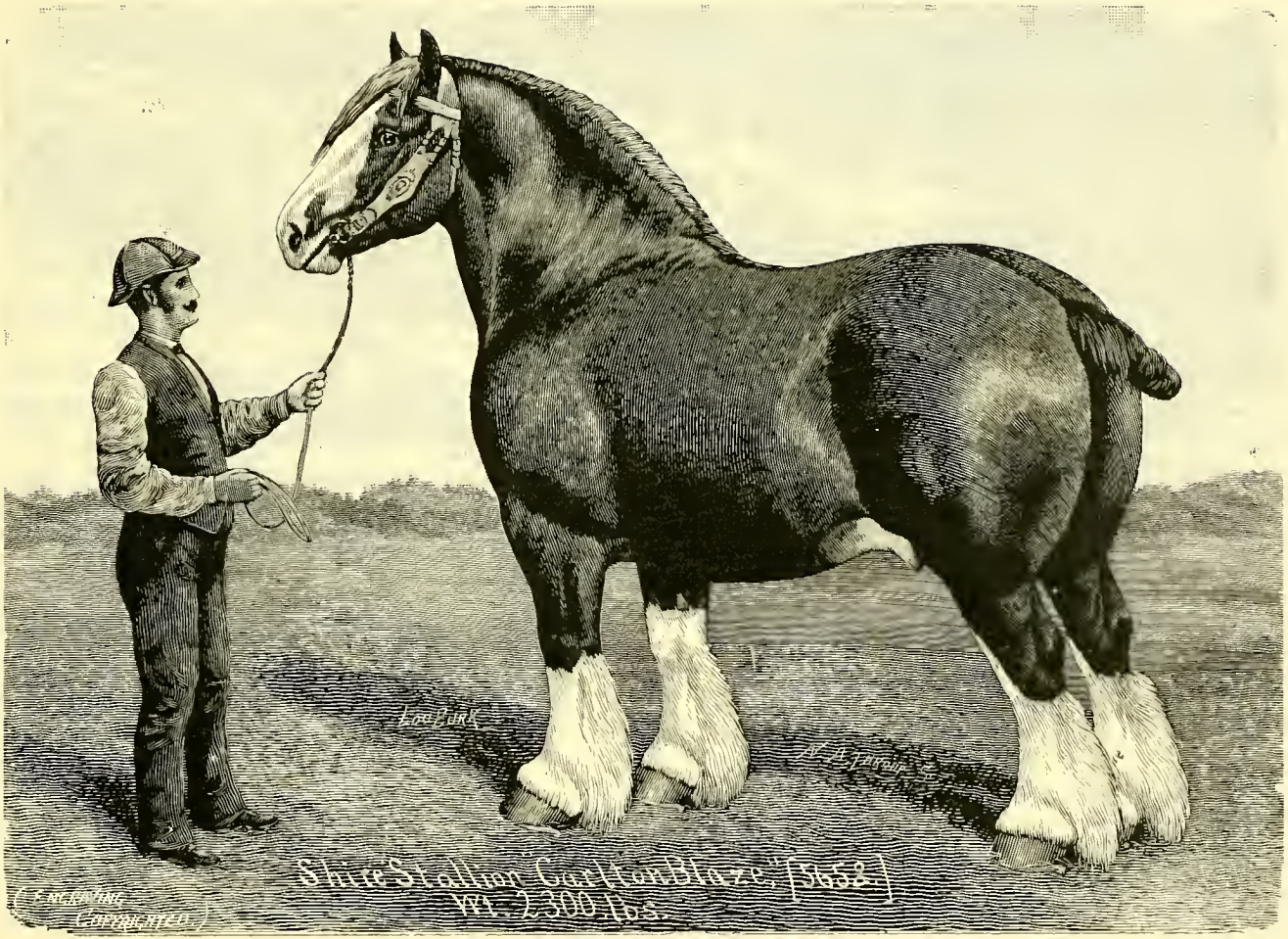
realized for their handling—horses that are sound, well bred, the kind that proves to be prepotent and leaves the mark of improvement on the horses of a community. The argument of soundness and quality is amply corroborated by their record in the American show yards, where their horses have more than verified this claim by carrying off their share of the prizes. Those familiar with the horse shows at the International and Iowa and Illinois State fairs need not be reminded of the record of this establishment. Their barns at this time contain plenty of show horses, a number of which will be on hand at the International next month. Those who see that show will see in Ring's End Lady and Ring's End Lass, a team of as good Shire mares as ever walked on the tanbark in America. Then there will be the gray champion Enfield Fuchsia,winner of twenty-one first prizes in England, and champion at the International last year, the two-year-old brown filly Gore's Flower, and two black fillies, Bushnell Gypsy and Gypsy Lass. The mares named won all of the first prizes they could at the Iowa State Fair this year and will be among the entries from this stud. In the stallion classes the buying public will have an opportunity to pass on the class of horses handled by this firm. In the aged stallion class the ten-year-old King Holt was purchased and sent over for the express purpose of showing at Chicago. In his ten-year form he displays remarkable symmetry of build, cleanness of bone and soundness of feet and in show condition will scale 2,400 pounds. As a sire he has proved to be an exceptional getter of show stock, having a large list in the largest English shows, and has the reputation of siring more first-prize winners than any horse of his age. He won himself at London in 1899 and at Peterborough in 1901, these being two of the largest English shows. Others in the aged class will be Bury Banker, an outstanding good one, first in class at Iowa; Gamer,winner of first at Chicago in 1901, second in 1902 and first at Iowa last year; Stanton Combination, a London winner, and other good ones.

In the three-year-old class Blaisdon Albert, first as a two-year-old at Chicago, will go into the ring in fine bloom, and so will Harshfield Warrior, his half-brother and a horse of extra quality, Gore's Boast by Stroxton Tom, champion at the London show last year, a typical specimen of the breed, claimed by the Trumans to be superior to any horse yet brought over. Some exceptional horseflesh will be seen among the two-year-olds. Willingham Marmion, a half-brother to the International champion last year, was brought out especially for this show. He is a horse of ample scale, style, action and rare quality. Blaisdon Admiral and Blaisdon Victor complete the list. King Edward by Girton Ensign, an American-bred colt, and Needham Stamp, brought over this year, are entered in the yearling class. The Belgians shown are the typical sort of the sturdy-going drafter. The Percherons on hand are a nice, clean lot and with one exception are all blacks. Among the Suffolks are the English champion Ironsides, scaling 2,100 pounds, and the massive smooth four-year-old Highlander. The high-stepping Hackneys make up the list. From the foregoing a fair idea may be had of the quality of the horses handled by this firm. The list is not made up of a few stars and the rest of the ordinary sort, but as a whole it is an exceptional lot, such as they have been handling for years and such as they expect to continue to handle. Their business has been firmly established on the quality basis and they propose to maintain it thereon. Sales have been made and many of their old customers have bought again. Three horses were recently sold to go to California to a buyer who previously visited most of the other establishments. Anyone looking for a good horse any of these breeds is invited to visit the establishment and look up the exhibit at the International. It will be worthy of attention.

An English Importer.

(Chicago Drovers Journal, December 16, 1902.)

Among the notable foreign horsemen who attended the International Exposition was J. H. Truman, Whittlesea, England, one of the most prominent importers of Shire and Suffolk draft horses connected with the industry. Seated in the drawing room of the Transit house conversing with a representative of the press, he was accosted by a gentleman from Delaware, Ont., who inquired if Mr. Truman recognized him. Scrutinizing the stranger for a moment, Mr. Truman arose from his chair and, extending his hand, replied: "You are Mr. Richard Gibson of Ontario, Can." The recognition was mutual, although Mr. Truman had not met the stranger since 1882, when in Chicago, he sold Mr. Gibson the imported Shire stallion, Prince Tom.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Prince Tom was one of a lot of twenty Shire stallions imported to Chicago in 1882. It was at a period when the market was in an evolution to the magnificent proportions which it has attained in the last decade. In that development era Samuel Cozzens and Thomas Evers practically represented the market. The twenty Shire stallions created a sensation and were soon sold at satisfactory prices, including Prince Tom, to Richard Gibson, Delaware, Ont.

Inquiry disclosed the fact that Prince Tom, although performing heavy service in the stud for twenty seasons, was still in robust health and vigorous at the age of 24 years. The meeting, after an interval of twenty years, was one of the daily incidents of the International show, which assembled horsemen from all parts of the world.

Mr. Truman showed a representative of the Drovers' Journal the exhibit of the Truman Pioneer Stud farm, which had been on exhibition and won distinguished honors at the Live Stock Exhibition. The animals were imported by J. H. Truman, who is interested in the Pioneer stud at Bushnell, Ill., managed by his son, J. G. Truman, president of the American Shire Draft Horse Breeders' and Importers' Association. The exhibit this year included the champion Suffolk stallion of England. The champion Shire stallion at the 1901 Exposition, Blaisdon Pluto, was one of Mr. Truman's importations, and although defeated at the 1902 International show in the championship class by Southgate Marmion, he still remains one of the greatest Shire stallions ever imported to America. In the stall adjoining Blaisdoon Pluto was the superb brown Shire stallion, Nateby Cashier, foaled 1896, by Cashier V.-Elston Lady, which was purchased by Brown Bros., Promise City, Iowa, for $3,000. In descanting on the magnificent qualities of Nateby Cashier, Mr. Truman remarked that he had been identified with the Shire breed of horses for over forty years as a breeder and exporter, and considered the Shire the king of all draft animals. All draft breeds have great individual merit and which particular class is the best is a subject about which the best informed horsemen will always honestly differ in opinion.

Mr. Truman, who attended the Annual Royal and Smithfield shows, stated he never saw a better exhibit of draft animals than were shown at the late International Exposition. Although at quite an advanced age, Mr. Truman is as ambitious and active as the majority of business men in middle life. He left for his home in England full of enthusiasm inspired by the great Live Stock Show.

Valuable Horses for America.

(Liverpool, England, Mercury, August 10, 1901.)

Probably during the last twenty years a more valuable consignment of horses has not been shipped from this country than that to leave Mersey for New York today by the Cymric, of the White Star line. They number twenty-three in all, and are valued at from £150 to £500 each. They comprise three Suffolk stallions from Sir Cuthbert Quilter's; Mr. E. Cook's Ironside, champion horse of the Royal Show; five stallions from Mr. John Rowell, including the champion Bury Banker; Mr. Barlow's Stainton Combination, Mr. Crisp's champion mare, Enfield Fuchsia, a pair of prize mares from Mr. Wing's stud, a two-year-old filly from Mr. Hudson's stud, and one each from Mr. Smalley and Mr. Morton. There are also six French horses, including the gold medal animal of France. A magnificent lot of animals, they are en route for Truman's Repository, Bushnell, Ill. Mr. J. H. Truman (principal) is going out with the shipment.

The Pioneer Stud Farm.

(Breeders' Gazette, August 20, 1902.)

As breeders and importers of Shires and Hackney horses the Pioneer Stud Farm at Bushnell, Ill., is among the old established firms of the country. Its beginning was seen at the Union Stock Yards, Chicago, in 1878, but its expanding business made it necessary to seek a location at some central point in the country and Bushnell, Ill., was selected as the most satisfactory place for business of such a character. The expenditure of money in large roomy, substantial barns, well fenced lots and paddocks makes the Pioneer Stud Farm one of the convenient and up-to-date horse breeding plants of the country. The moving spirits in the concern are Mr. J. H. Truman, the father who resides at Whittlesea, England, and J. G. and W. E. Truman, his two sons. The former is manager of the company and looks after the business at the farm, which in the past few

HACKNEY STALLION
SIR CHARLES 1347.
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years has assumed considerable proportions, sales being made in all parts of the country, both on the company plan and to private individuals. Messrs. Truman are endeavoring to build the reputation of the Pioneer Stud Farm on the quality of the stock handled by them. The senior member of the firm resides in the Shire district in England and personally selects all horses for export to his firm in this country and only horses that answer to certain requirements are purchased. He is familiar with the demands of the American trade and knows the horse likely to answer the purpose here. The horse with style and action, good feet, bone and muscle and plenty of size is the sort of drafter that is selected for service in this country. In the selections of their Percherons the same rule is followed with the aim of securing good sound vigorous horses. There certainly is merit in the quality argument made by this firm when they demonstrated the fact as they did last year at the International Live Stock Exposition and other exhibitions of the season. A visit to their barns will convince anyone that they have horses of exceptional quality and many of them that exceed a ton in weight, horses that are clean and sound with plenty of style and action. It is Messrs. Trumans' intention to make an exhibition of a string of their horses at a few of the leading expositions and it will be one that in every respect will reflect credit on the firm as well as the breed.

Among the attractive Shires in the stud is the bay Prince Shapely, a London winner and used for a time in the stud of Jas. Forshaw & Sons, at Carlton; he is a massive bay, standing 17 hands and weighing 2,200 pounds, well proportioned, good clean bone, exceptional width at both ends and smooth middle, with all his weight he possesses ample style and action. His sire Orchard Prince was a winner for three successive years at the London Show. The black Shire Dunsmore Heirloom is a compactly built horse, fresh from the stud of Mr. Muntz at Dunsmore. He is a shapely horse, good at the ground, strong clean bone, good quarters, shoulder and loin; he weighs 2,150 pounds and has ten or more prizes to his credit in England, besides having a prize-winning sire and dam. Nateby Cashier is a massive bay weighing 2,300 pounds, and has been pronounced by competent judges a better horse than Blaisdon Pluto, and he is considered by Mr. Truman the best horse in the barn and the largest horse they ever owned. When finished he will weigh 2,500 pounds. With his massiveness he has exceptional length, strong back and loin, strong hams, good bone and in all very symmetrical in conformation, a horse that would prove a drawing card anywhere. Among the other good Shires was seen Gamer, one of the trio that won the gold medal at Chicago last fall; Baden Powel, a toppy stylish horse; Bury Ruler, a compactly built horse, square as a wagon and standing close to the ground. Among the Percherons was noticed the three-year-old gray Cachucha, weighing now close to 2,100 pounds, a shapely, attractive horse, smooth as an egg with all the style and action necessary in the drafter and when finished will make a creditable showing among the good ones. In the barns are a good representative lot of the breed in blacks and dark grays that ought to satisfy anyone in need of a good Perchern horse, the importation of this class this year being one of the best yet made by the firm. The Pioneer Stud Farm was never better equipped for the next season's trade and they are prepared to show a lot of stallions of both breeds that are second to none in quality and all that goes to make up the right sort of drafters. Their barns are conveniently located within a few blocks of the T. P. & W. and Burlington depots and visitors will be cheerfully shown through them at any time.

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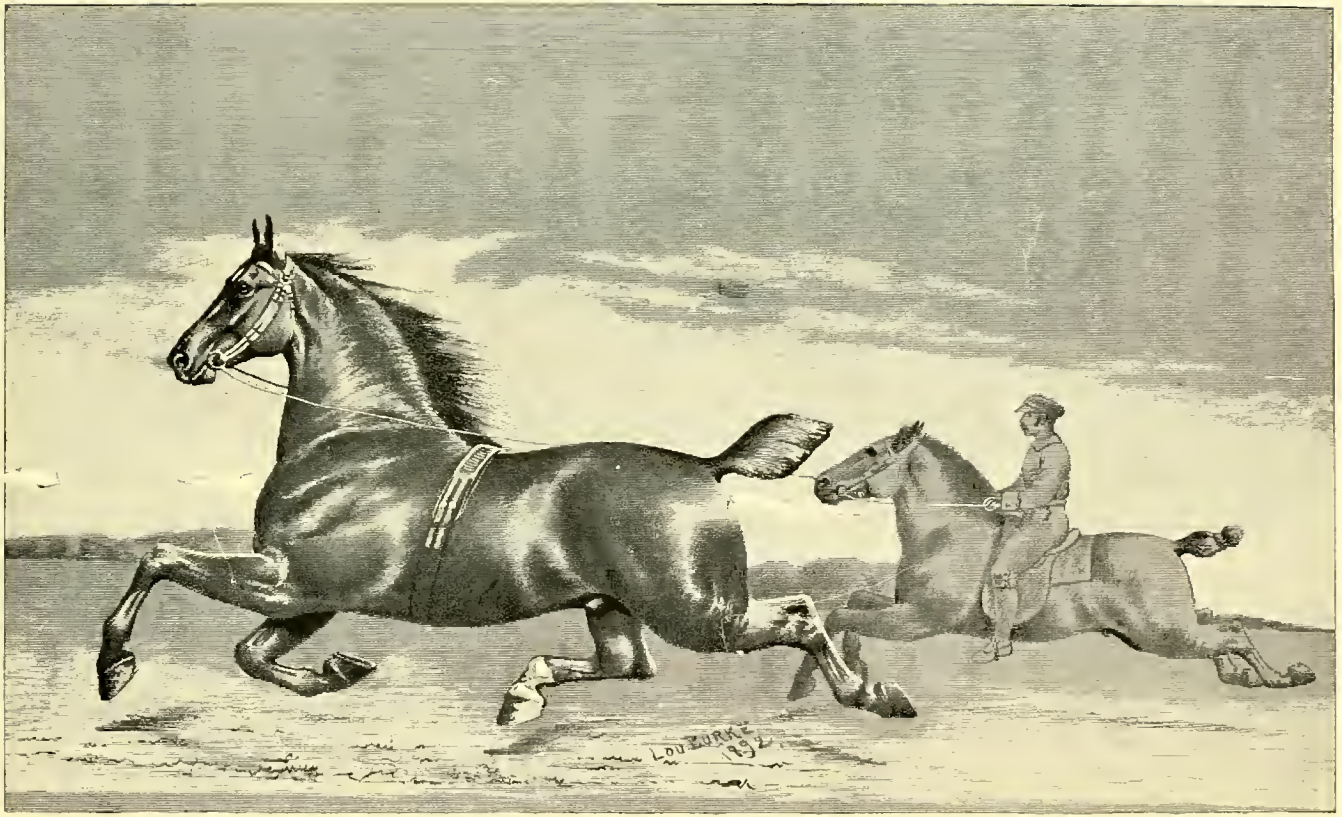
(Breeders' Gazette, October 1, 1902.)

The Pioneer Stud Farm, Bushnell, Ill., has just received its fifth importation for this season of Shire, Percheron and Hackney stallions. We have repeatedly had occasion to mention the many prize winning animals imported by this firm, but the shipment now in question eclipses anything ever attempted by these importers. Little wonder the Trumans are so successful in the show rings at our big state fairs and in the sale yards, buying as they always have done the best available specimens of the breeds to be found on the other side. London and Royal winners are to be found at Bushnell. "Size, quality and breeding" is their motto, and in this instance is fully maintained. Stallions weighing 2,000 pounds and upwards, moving like coachers, are frequent sights at the Pioneer Stud Farm's stables. Among the lot are four animals from the great Blaisdon stud, including the champion yearling Blaisdon Harold 2d, by the noted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Blaisdon Harold, and his dam, Hawthorn, has produced other notable horses. Blaisdon Albert is a two-year-old from the same stud. He is a beautiful chestnut with a grand set of legs, two good ends, a middle and loin that leaves little to be desired, and with his extraordinary action class him among the best horses of his age seen in this or any other country. This colt is a son of Blaisdon Conqueror, acknowledged to be one of the greatest sires in the history of Shire breeding. The Trumans tried hard to get Mr. Stubs, the owner, to part with him, but their offer was refused. Blaisdon Albert will be seen in the show rings this fall and we will have more to say about him later on. Another two-year-old that Mr. Stubs supplied is the bay Blaisdon Farmer. Here again we find breeding of the highest quality, the colt being sired by Blaisdon Conqueror, dam Wild Rose by Pluto, the sire of Blaisdon Pluto the champion and gold medal winner at the last International Show. Blaisdon Cardinal is a three-year-old, a big, wide sappy colt with much style, finish and action and one we are bound to hear from in his new home. He is a full brother to the champion yearling Blaisdon Harold 2d already referred to. In the black two-year-old Grandford Hermit the Pioneer Stud Farm looks for big things. This colt is a grandson of the great London winner Harold on his sire's side, and Wonder of the West on his dam's side. Such a coupling of blood as this cannot help but have the desired effect. He is a good specimen of the breed, full of quality. Passing on to the older horses we may mention the seven-year-old Rokeby Fitz, a horse that has done duty in the stud in England under the personal supervision of H. H. Truman, M. R. C. V.S., and has proved himself a good breeder. Duke 10th, Nateby Cashier, Prince Shapely, Gamer, Dunsmore Heirloom, Bury Ruler and many others are of the big massive kind and weigh a ton and upwards.

The Percherons with a few exceptions are blacks and fully up to the standard and were bought from the best breeders in the Perche. In age they range from yearlings to seven-year-olds. In the lot are the four-year-olds Dagobert and Sidar and Cachucha, a three-year-old that weighs 2,100 pounds. All are of the wide, short-legged type so much sought after by the American breeder. The firm's reputation for importing Hackneys is well sustained in the shipment after handling the breed for some twenty-four years. They are bays, chestnuts and blue roans, standing 16 hands high with good conformation and high knee-actors. To all wishing to buy first-class stallions of either breed, we would advise a visit to the Pioneer Stud Farm where all are made welcome.

The Pioneer Stud Farm.

(Chicago Drovers' Journal, October 2, 1903.)

For over a quarter of a century the announcements of Truman's Pioneer Stud Farm have appeared in the columns of the Drovers Journal, and we have on innumerable occasions called the attention of our readers to the high quality of stallions handled by this firm, but we have never had occasion to speak of a more desirable lot of horses than was found by a Drovers Journal representative on the occasion of a recent visit to the firm's stables at Bushnell, Ill. They have a notable collection of Shire, Percheron, Belgian, Suffolk and Hackney stallions on hand for this season's trade, and the buyer who cannot be suited there must indeed be hard to please. Among the Shires was noted the undefeated dapple-gray Burry Banker, who was first at the Iowa state fair this year, is 5 years old and weighs 2100 pounds. Another rattling good one is Stuntney Brassey, a 4-year-old, with plenty of scale and quality, and who was third at this year's Iowa fair in very strong competition. Manie George is a 4-year-old bay with plenty of bone and substance, and a horse that ought easily to develop into a 2300-pounder. Draymaster is a rich chestnut of much quality and a very flashy horse. A notable stallion in the collection is King Holt, who has the distinction of having sired more prize-winning Shire horses on the other side of the water than any stallion now living. He will be seen at this year's International. The 3-year-old Blaisdon Albert, who was first as a 2-year-old at last year's International, and also first in his class at this year's Iowa fair, is one of the crack horses to be seen at Bushnell, as is also his half-brother, Harriesfield Warrior. Both these stallions were sired by Blaisdon Conqueror, who has the great distinction of having sired the noted Blaisdon Pluto and all the first-prize Shire stallions at the last two International shows.

The 2-year-old black stallion William Marmion was imported expressly for show at this year's International, and is a half-brother to the champion at last year's show. Notable among the youngsters is the black stal-

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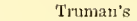
lion which was first in the yearling class at Des Moines this year. He is coming very fast and will be a hard nut to crack at this year's International.

The display of Shire mares at Bushnell has no equal on this side of the water. Enfield Fuschia, who was the champion at last year's International, now has at her side a fine stud colt by Girton Surprise that is a great prospect. The two mares Ringside Lady and Ringside Lass, full sisters, were first and second at Des Moines this year, where they created nothing short of a sensation, being pronounced by experts one of the greatest pairs of draft mares ever exhibited in this country. They scale 4200 pounds and will be shown at this year's International, both in class and harness. Among the fine fillies at Bushnell may be mentioned Gore's Flower, who was first at Iowa this year, and Bushnell Gypsy and Bushnell Lass, a pair of handsome blacks. Included in the Suffolk stallions to be found in the Pioneer barns is the champion Ironsides, 5 years old and weighing 2125 pounds, and the 4-year-old Highlander, who tips the beam at over 2100 pounds, both being typical draft stallions.

The offering of Percherons at Bushnell consists of a rattling lot of good stallions, all blacks, 3 to 6 years old, with plenty of size, bone and substance, while the Belgians are blacks, bays and chestnuts, 3 to 5 years old, 1900 to 2100 pounds, and all typical Dutch draft horses.

While looking through the barns our representative also noticed the Clydesdale stallion that was first in the aged class at Des Moines this year—a massive 7-year old horse with plenty of size and bone. The Pioneer Stud farm has always been noted for carrying a remarkably strong lot of Hackney stallions, and their offering this year is better than usual. Among them is the 5-year-old Matteschall Gabriel, who was first in the aged class at Des Moines this year and is a marvelous all-around goer. The 3-year-old bay H. B. Prince Henry, is fit to go in any company, and Truman's Cadet, who was first in the 2-year-old class at Des Moines this year, is one of the best Hackneys, with plenty of size and style and a great actor.

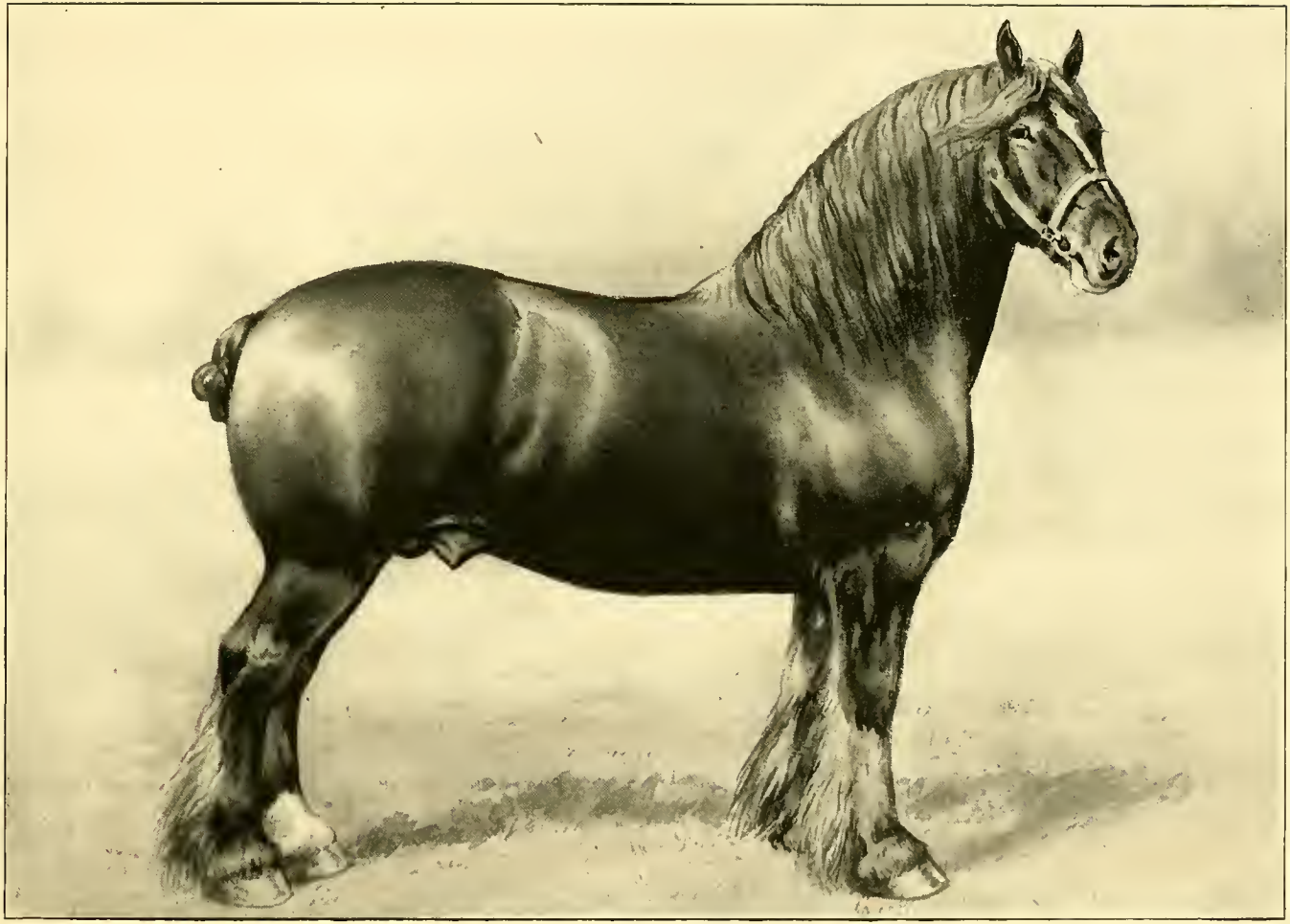
Bushnell, Ill., is easy of access, being located on the Galesburg & Quincy and St. Louis & St. Paul branches of the Burlington, and the Toledo, Peoria & Western railroad, thirty miles south of Galesburg and about fifty miles west of Peoria. The enviable reputation sustained by Truman's Pioneer Stud Farm for over a quarter of a century is a safe guaranty as to the high quality of the horses they sell. Parties doing business with them can rest assured of the best of treatment, and the Drovers Journal recommends them as thoroughly reliable in every way.



Trumans' Imported Stallions.

(Farmers' Advocate, London, Ont., Canada, February 20, 1903.)

In another column will be noticed the advertisement of the Truman Pioneer Stud Farm, Bushnell, Ill. For the last twenty-four years these people have been importing to America stallions of the highest type and breeding. The founder of the present concern, and father of J. G., who is now president of the American Shire Association, was J. H. Truman. Previous to engaging in horse importing he was identified with the cattle exporting trade, and was one of the first to sell American cattle direct to the British butcher. In 1878, believing that the best agricultural interests of this country demanded the introduction of some good heavy-horse blood, he made an importation, and although subject to the reverses which importers are continually meeting, he has been enabled to build up a trade in high-class stock that should bring its own reward. The lines upon which their business is now being run affords opportunities for securing the best across the sea and placing it in this country at first cost. The senior member of the firm, although for several years a resident of the United States, is a thorough Englishman, and never ceased to regard Whittlesea, Eng., as his home. One son, a skilled veterinary, makes the Whittlesea stables his headquarters to which he collects the stock for exportation to America. A few months ago, these enterprising people decided to open a branch stable in Brandon, Man., to which, recently, a representative of the "Farmer's Advocate" paid a visit, and was interested to find a group of Shires, Percherons and Suffolks of such uniformly good character and quality as would command admiration anywhere. Among the Shires, the breed for which this firm has long been noted, was a beautiful brown three-year-old, Brown Prince, a wonderfully well-coupled horse, with a grand body properly set on feet and legs that are of the right stamp. Another of the same age, breed and color was Whitestake Burgeon (20163), a prizewinner



in England and destined to leave his mark in this country. He is particularly thick through the withers, has a well-developed chest, and a fine head, showing the Shire type to perfection. Still another choice representative of this famous old breed, now located at Rapid City, is Prince Shapely (16328), by Orchard Prince (10111), the champion gold cup and medal winner of England in 1894, and was again in 1896 at the head of the list. Prince Shapely is 7 years old, and was first at Princetown, Ill., show last year and third at the Indiana State Fair, 1901, being beaten only by his stable mates. He is very tall, standing fully 18 hands, and weighs 2,200 pounds. To bring such horses into this country means some money, but the impression left on our stock ought to mean something more. Only one Suffolk was on exhibition at the Brandon stable, but he, His Grace, is a horse of many commendable qualities, being the noted prizewinner at the Royal Show, and purchased from Sir Cuthbert Quiltie by the present owner for a large sum. He is a beautiful chestnut, six years old, with a very highly-developed neck, full breast and strong bone. His stable mate at Bushnell was Ironsides, said to be the highest-priced Suffolk imported this year. Among the Percherons was a five-year-old, which Mr. Truman said was about the best he ever bought, having been purchased from Monsier Brebron, a noted breeder in France. This horse of wonderful substance was used by the French Government in their stud for a time.

This is merely a sample of what the Truman firm are bringing continually to this continent, and when the senior member called at this office a few days ago on his way to his English home, he reported the shipment of another lot from the native home of the Shire to America's shores. In the advancement of horse shows and exhibitions Mr. J. H. has always taken an active part, and was very largely responsible for the gold medals being offered by the English Shire Association for the best of the breed at the leading shows of the U. S. and Canada. He is, therefore, deserving of more than ordinary credit as a horseman.